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*Code of Alabama 1975, Section 9-2-8*

**NOTE:** For convenience, the Game and Fish Laws and the Game and Fish Regulations are being published in separate pamphlets.

**GAME AND FISH DIVISION NAME CHANGE TO  
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES**

Act No. 99-637, passed by the Alabama Legislature, renamed the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Pursuant to this Act, wherever reference is made in these regulations to the Game and Fish Division or the Division of Game and Fish, the reference should be construed to refer to Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

## **DEFINITION OF HUNTING**

Hunting includes pursuing, shooting, killing, capturing and trapping wild animals, wild fowl, wild birds, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wild animals, wild fowl, wild birds, whether they result in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wild animals, wild fowl, or wild birds.

**REGULATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-2-8, Code of Alabama 1975, I do hereby publish the official 2003-2004 pamphlet of the following regulations of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These regulations have been promulgated pursuant to the authority of Title 9 of the Code of Alabama 1975, or other laws of the State of Alabama. Any person, firm, corporation or association so violating or attempting to violate any of these regulations or any part of same, shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty or penalties as provided for by the Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 9-1-4, or as otherwise specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Alabama.

M. Barnett Lawley  
Commissioner  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

**220-2-.85    Hunter Orange Requirement for Hunting and Definition of  
Open Permit-Public Land**

(1) All persons hunting any wildlife species (except waterfowl, turkey, and mourning dove and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) during dates and in areas open by regulation to gun deer season are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed box stand, when traveling in an enclosed vehicle, or when traveling on foot no more than twenty feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty feet. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange, commonly called blaze orange, ten mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red as well as camo orange are not legal.

(2) “Open Permit-Public Land” is defined as governmentally owned land open for public hunting and/or lands made available to the public on an individual basis whether for a fee or not. Examples of such lands would be national forest lands, lands owned by lumber companies and utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement.

## **220-2-.01 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons**

(1) The following 2003-2004 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manner, and means, are hereby established:

(a) **DEER: BUCKS ONLY** with bare antlers visible above natural hairline – one a day. Guns or Bow and Arrow.

NO DEER HUNTING ALLOWED ON TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS IN BANKHEAD AND TALLADEGA (TALLADEGA DIVISION) NATIONAL FORESTS, EXCEPT DEER HUNTING SHALL BE ALLOWED ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 25 – 26 AND DECEMBER 23 – 24.**

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**Autauga; Baldwin** (except south of Intracoastal Canal); **Barbour; Blount; Bullock; Butler** (except south of Alabama Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); **Calhoun** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Choctaw; Clarke; Clay** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Coffee** (except south of Alabama Hwy. 134 and east of County Road 460); **Colbert; Conecuh; Covington** (except Conecuh National Forest lands located outside the Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area); **Crenshaw; Cullman; Dale; Dallas** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Escambia** (except Conecuh National Forest); **Etowah; Fayette; Geneva; Greene; Hale** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Henry; Jefferson; Lee; Lowndes; Macon** (except the Tuskegee National Forest which is open to stalk hunting only); **Marengo; Mobile; Monroe; Montgomery; Pickens; Pike; Russell; Shelby; St. Clair; Sumter; Talladega** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Walker; Washington; Wilcox; Winston** (except National Forest Service Lands).

By Dog or Stalk Hunting

***November 22 – January 15***

By Stalk Hunting Only

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT) ***January 16 – January 31***

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**Bibb, Chilton, and Perry** (except National Forest Service Lands in the three counties and except that area east of Alabama Hwy. 219, south of U.S. Hwy. 82 and north of Alabama Hwy. 183).

**Elmore** (except that area east of U.S. Hwy. 231, south of Alabama Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River).

By Dog or Stalk Hunting

***November 22 – January 15***

By Stalk Hunting Only

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT) ***January 16 – January 31***

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That area of **Bibb, Chilton, and Perry**, east of Alabama Hwy. 219, south of U.S. Hwy. 82 and north of Alabama Hwy. 183.

**Butler** (south of Alabama Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); **Coffee** (south of Alabama Hwy. 134 and east of County Road 460).

That area of **Elmore**, east of U.S. Hwy. 231, south of Alabama Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River.

By Stalk Hunting Only

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT) ***November 22 – January 31***

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**National Forest Service Lands in Calhoun, Clay, Talladega, and Winston Counties.**

By Dog or Stalk Hunting (except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)\*

***November 22 – January 15***

By Stalk Hunting Only (except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)  
(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

***January 16 – January 31***

\*In addition to the above dates, deer hunting season is open on the National Forest Service Lands listed above on Tuesday and Wednesday, ***November 25 – 26*** and ***December 23– 24.***

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**Cherokee; Cleburne** (except National Forest Service Lands); **DeKalb; Franklin** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Houston; Jackson; Lauderdale; Lamar; Lawrence** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Limestone**; the **Tuskegee National Forest in Macon; Madison; Marion; Marshall; Morgan; Randolph; and National Forest Service Lands in Bibb, Chilton, Covington** (except Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area), **Dallas, Escambia, Hale, Perry, and Tuscaloosa Counties.**

By Stalk Hunting Only (NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

***November 22 – January 31***

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**National Forest Service Lands in Cleburne, Franklin, and Lawrence Counties.**

By Stalk Hunting Only (except Tuesdays and Wednesdays)\*

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

***November 22 - January 31***

\*In addition to the above dates, deer hunting season is open on the National Forest Service Lands listed above on Tuesday and Wednesday, ***November 25 – 26*** and ***December 23– 24.***

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**Chambers; Coosa.**

No Dogs\*\* or Buckshot except by special permit from the Department.

***November 22 – January 15***

By Stalk Hunting Only

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT) ***January 16 – January 31***

\*\*Dog Deer Hunting may be allowed in **Chambers** and **Coosa** Counties under special permit from the Department. Individual property owners in Chambers and Coosa Counties may hunt with dogs on their own property without special permit. No dog deer hunting allowed on Open Permit-Public Land (see definition).

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**1. DEER: HUNTERS' CHOICE** (except spotted fawns) – **During the Hunters' Choice Gun Season**, Two deer per day may be harvested only one of which may be an antlered buck. Legal hunting methods (Dog or Stalk Hunting) shall be the same as listed in the **Deer: Bucks Only Season** for each county or area during the dates of Hunters' Choice Season.

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**71-Day Season – (Entire Season)**

**Autauga; Baldwin**, north of Intracoastal Canal; **Barbour; Bibb** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Bullock; Butler; Chambers; Chilton** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Choctaw; Clarke; Coffee; Conecuh; Coosa; Covington** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Crenshaw; Dale; Dallas** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Elmore; Escambia** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Geneva; Greene; Hale** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Henry; Houston; Lee; Lowndes; Macon** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Marengo; Mobile; Monroe; Montgomery; Perry** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Pickens; Pike; Russell; Sumter; Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Washington; and Wilcox**.

Private Owned and Leased Lands *November 22 – January 31*

Open Permit-Public Land (Except National Forest Service Lands)  
*December 27 – January 1*

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#### **47-Day Season**

**Clay** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Cleburne** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Fayette; Jackson; Lamar; Marion; Randolph; St. Clair; Talladega** (except National Forest Service Lands).

Private Owned and Leased Lands *November 22 – January 7*

Open Permit-Public Land (except National Forest Service Lands)  
*December 27 – January 1*

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#### **33-Day Season**

**Calhoun** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Cherokee; Cullman**, south of US Hwy. 278; **DeKalb; Shelby; and Walker**.

Private Owned and Leased Lands *November 22 – December 8*  
*December 20 – January 4*

Open Permit-Public Land (except National Forest Service Lands)  
*December 27 – January 1*

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#### **18-Day Season**

**Blount; Colbert; Cullman**, north of U. S. Hwy. 278; **Etowah; Franklin** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Jefferson; Lauderdale; Lawrence** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Limestone; Madison; Marshall; Morgan; and Winston** (except National Forest Service Lands).

Private Owned and Leased Lands *November 22 – November 30*  
*December 27 – January 4*

Open Permit-Public Land (except National Forest Service Lands)  
*December 27 – January 1*

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#### **6-Day Season**

**National Forest in Bibb, Chilton, Covington, Dallas, Escambia, Hale, Macon, Perry, and Tuscaloosa Counties.**

*December 27 – January 1*

**Closed to Hunters' Choice Hunting.****Baldwin**, south of Intracoastal Canal.

**2. DEER: BY BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR — STALK HUNTING ONLY(NO DOGS)** Two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (except Spotted Fawns)

STATEWIDE [except Bankhead and Talladega (Talladega Division) National Forest]

**Bankhead and Talladega (Talladega Division) National Forest** — No deer hunting on Tuesday and Wednesday each week\*

*October 15 – January 31*

\*In addition to the above dates, deer hunting season is open on the National Forest Service Lands listed above on Tuesday and Wednesday, **November 25 – 26** and **December 23– 24**.

**3. DEER: BY MUZZLELOADER ONLY – STALK HUNTING ONLY (NO DOGS)** Open Sights Only (no scopes). During the muzzleloader deer season, two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (except Spotted Fawns).

**Statewide**, except Open Permit-Public Land and Baldwin County south of intra-coastal canal

Private Owned and Leased Lands

*November 19 – November 21*

**Blount; Calhoun; Cherokee; Clay; Cleburne; Colbert; Cullman; DeKalb; Etowah; Fayette; Franklin; Jackson; Jefferson; Lamar; Lauderdale; Lawrence; Limestone; Madison; Marion; Marshall; Morgan; Randolph; Shelby; St. Clair; Talladega; Walker; and Winston Counties.**

Private Owned and Leased Lands

*January 9 – January 25*Corps of Engineer lands in **Greene, Pickens, and Sumter Counties***January 9 – January 25*

**(b) TURKEY: GOBBLERS ONLY**—One a Day, Five During Combined Fall and Spring Seasons.

**Clarke; Clay; Covington; Monroe; Randolph; Talladega.***November 22 – January 1**March 15 - April 30*

**Autauga; Baldwin; Barbour; Bibb; Blount; Bullock; Butler; Calhoun; Chambers; Cherokee; Chilton; Choctaw; Cleburne; Coffee; Conecuh; Coosa; Crenshaw; Cullman; Dale; Dallas; DeKalb; Elmore; Escambia; Etowah; Fayette; Geneva; Greene; Hale; Henry; Houston; Jackson; Jefferson; Lamar; Lee; Lowndes; Macon; Marengo; Marion; Marshall; Mobile** (except south of Interstate 10 from the Mississippi state line east to Alabama Hwy. 188 and south on Alabama Hwy. 188 to Coden, Alabama); **Montgomery; Perry; Pickens; Pike; Russell; Shelby; St. Clair;**



**Sumter; Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa; Walker; Washington; Wilcox.**

*March 15 - April 30*

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**Colbert; Franklin; Lawrence, south of Alabama Hwy. 24; Madison; Winston.**

*April 1 - April 30*

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**Lauderdale, west of Natchez Trace and north of County Road 8 west of U.S. Hwy. 43;  
Limestone, north of U. S. Hwy. 72.**

*April 10 - April 30*

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**Lawrence, north and east of Hwy. 157 and west of Hwy. 33 and south of Hwy. 20.**

*April 24 - April 27*

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**Morgan County is not open to Turkey Hunting. Restocking efforts are underway.**

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**(c) MOURNING DOVE:**

**SOUTH ZONE: Baldwin; Barbour; Coffee; Conecuh; Covington; Dale; Escambia;  
Geneva; Henry; Houston; Mobile.**

12 a Day – 12 in Possession in South Zone (70 days)

Split Season

*October 18 – November 9*

*November 26 – November 30*

*December 5 – January 15*

**Shooting Hours:**

12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)

*October 18*

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

*October 19 – November 9*

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

*November 26 – November 30*

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

*December 5 – January 15*

**NORTH ZONE: All counties except those listed above.**

15 a Day – 15 in Possession in North Zone (60 Days)

Split Season

*September 6 – October 19*

*December 20 – January 4*

**Shooting Hours:**

12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)

*September 6*

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

*September 7 – October 19*

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

*December 20 – January 4*

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**(d) BOBWHITE QUAIL:**

12 a Day – 12 in Possession

*November 15 – February 29*

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(e) **RABBIT:** 8 a Day – 8 in Possession  
*October 1 – February 29*

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

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(f) **SQUIRREL:** 8 a Day--8 in Possession  
*October 1 – February 29*

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(g) **RACCOON: 5 Per Person--Private Owned and Leased Lands**  
*September 1 - February 29*

5 Per Party--Open Permit-Public Land *September 1 - February 29*

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

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(h) **OPOSSUM:** No Bag Limit *September 1 - February 29*

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

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(i) **FOX:**

1 a Day--1 in Possession--Daylight Hours Only--Guns only in areas of and during dates of turkey and/or gun deer season. Bow and Arrow--in areas of and during dates of open bow and arrow seasons for deer and turkey.

DOGS ONLY--NO GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW--No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

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(j) **BOBCAT:**

No Bag Limit--Daylight Hours Only--Guns only in areas of and during dates of turkey and/or gun deer season. Bow and Arrow--in areas of and during dates of open bow and arrow seasons for deer and turkey.

DOGS ONLY--NO GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW--No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

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**NOTE: See Tagging Requirements under Rule 220-2-.30.**

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(k) **COYOTE:**

**GUNS AND BOW AND ARROW ONLY (NO DOGS)**

No Bag Limit--No Closed Season. Daylight Hours Only.

GUNS AND BOW AND ARROW WITH DOGS--Only during daylight hours in areas of and during dog deer season.

DOGS ONLY--NO GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW--No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in

areas of spring turkey season.

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**(l) BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG:**

No Bag Limit--Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*

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**(m) STARLINGS, CROWS, AND BLACKBIRDS:**

No Bag Limit--Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*

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**(n) FERAL SWINE (WILD HOGS):**

Dogs, Guns, or Bow and Arrow, or Spear\*

NO BAG LIMIT--DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY

*No Closed Season*

Dogs Only\*

NO BAG LIMIT--NIGHTTIME--NO WEAPONS--No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

Trapping by Landowner or his Agent

NO BAG LIMIT

*No Closed Season*

\*No hunting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on the Bankhead National Forest during the dates of the deer season except hunting shall be allowed on **November 25 – 26** and **December 23 – 24**.

Once reduced to personal possession of the landowner or agent, feral swine will no longer be considered a game animal. However, feral swine will be treated as a game animal at any time they are hunted.

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**(o) BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION, ALLIGATOR AND RUFFED GROUSE**

*No Open Season*

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**(p) WOODCOCK: 3 a Day--6 in Possession**

*December 18 - January 31*

Shooting Hours--One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

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**(q) SNIPE:**

8 a Day--16 in Possession

*November 14 - February 28*

Shooting Hours--One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

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**(r) RAIL, PURPLE GALLINULE AND COMMON MOORHENS:**

15 a Day--15 in Possession

*September 6 – September 21*

*November 28 – January 20*

Shooting Hours--One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

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**(s) SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:**

4 a Day--8 in possession

*September 6 - September 21*

Shooting Hours -- One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

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**(t) SPECIAL EARLY CANADA GOOSE SEASON:**

5 a Day--10 in possession

*September 1 - September 15*

Shooting Hours -- One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

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**(u) DUCK, COOT, MERGANSER, GOOSE, TEAL:**

*(See Rule 220-2-.77)*

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**220-2-.77 2003-2004 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, and Teal  
Hunting Seasons**

(1) The following 2003-2004 hunting seasons for duck, coot, merganser, goose and teal, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) Duck (except Pintail  
and Canvasback);

Coot; and Merganser: November 27 – January 25

Pintail & Canvasback December 27 – January 25

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(b) Goose: Southern James Bay Population (SJB) Zone - That portion of Limestone County south of U. S. Hwy. 72; that portion of Morgan County east of U.S. Hwy. 31, north of State Hwy. 36, and west of U. S. Hwy. 231; and that portion of Madison County south of Swancott Road and west of Triana Road –

Canada Geese: December 13 – January 31

Other Geese: September 27-30

November 27 – January 31

Remainder of State (All Geese) – September 27-30 and November 27 – January 31.

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(c) Bag Limits Duck: 6 ducks a day and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 2 wood ducks, Coot, and 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 Goose

redhead, 1 pintail (during open season only), 1 canvasback (during open season only), and 3 scaup. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser: 5 a day, only 1 may be a hooded merganser. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Coot: 15 a day--30 in possession.

Canada Goose  
during Special  
Canada Goose  
Season:

5 a day—10 in possession.

Goose: 5 a Day -- 5 in Possession

The bag limit of 5 shall not include more than 2 Canada geese or 2 white-fronted geese. The possession limit of 5 shall include no more than 4 Canada geese and white-fronted geese in aggregate.

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- (d) Time for Duck, Coot, Merganser, and Goose may be hunted Hunting one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Duck,  
Coot,  
Merganser,  
and Goose:

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(e) Special Teal Season: September 6 - 21. Teal - 4 a day - 8 in possession. Special Canada Goose Season: September 1-15 - 5 a day - 10 in possession. One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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- (f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days : February 7 & 8, 2004, in accordance with regulations.
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- (g) Non-toxic (Informational Note: The use of non-toxic shot, either shot: (1) steel shot T size or smaller, or (2) other shot and sizes approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is required in Alabama for waterfowl hunting.)
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- (h) Duck Stamps: (Informational Note: State and Federal Duck Stamps shall be required when Hunting Migratory Waterfowl. All licensed hunters are also required to have a Harvest Information Program permit.)
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(2) Rule 220-2-.77, as previously adopted, is hereby expressly repealed in its entirety.

**220-2-.107 Special 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons for Redstone Arsenal, Fort Rucker, Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, and Ft. McClellan Army National Guard Training Center**

(1) The following special Hunter's Choice Deer Seasons on the following specific areas, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) Redstone Arsenal, is hereby opened to the stalk gun hunting of deer, antlered and antlerless, except spotted fawns, on November 15, 2003; and Fort Rucker and Ft. McClellan Army National Guard Training Center are hereby opened to the stalk gun hunting of deer, antlered and antlerless, except spotted fawns, on November 15 and 16, 2003. The hunting will be restricted to youth and handicapped persons. One deer per day.

(b) Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, except Redstone Arsenal, located in Limestone, Madison, and Morgan Counties, Alabama, is hereby opened

to the stalk gun hunting of deer, antlered and antlerless, except spotted fawns, sunrise to sunset, from January 18 to January 31, 2004, restricted to black powder, flintlock firearms, .40 caliber or larger with open metallic sights (no scopes); and is opened to the archery hunting of deer, antlered and antlerless, except spotted fawns, sunrise to sunset, from October 15, 2003 to January 31, 2004 (except Sundays), restricted to bow and arrow (no crossbow except as otherwise provided by law). One deer per day.

(2) A special turkey season is hereby established at Fort Rucker on March 13, 2004, for youth and handicapped persons only.

(3) Rule 220-2-.107, as previously promulgated in 2002-WFF-25, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**220-2-.117 Special Hunting Seasons - Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch - Hale County**

The following 2003-2004 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners and means, are hereby established for the Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch - Hale County:

(Note: **Regulation "220-2-.109 Physically Disabled Hunting Areas"** will apply to the deer hunting on the Wildwood area.)

(a) **Wildwood Area:** DEER: (Gun) - Physically Disabled Hunters Only; from established stands; no more than four hunters scheduled per day. Hunt dates must be scheduled in advance by contacting the Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch office, (334) 624-3383.

**Wednesdays and Saturdays**

(Either Sex) **November 22-January 31**  
**(except Dec. 25)**

DOVE: (noon until sunset): **September 6, 13, 20**  
[Contact Demopolis Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office (334-289-8030) for permit – limit 100]

(b) **Westend Swamp:** DEER: (Gun – Either Sex)  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, State Season. Limited participation. Hunt dates and permits will be scheduled at the discretion of the Ranch Administrator based on availability through the Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch office, (334) 624-3383.

SQUIRREL AND RABBIT: Limited participation. Hunt dates, permits, and permitted firearms at the discretion of the Ranch Administrator through the Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch Office, (334) 624-3383.

(c) **BAG LIMITS:**

SQUIRREL AND RABBIT (Westend Swamp): State Limits.

DOVE: (Wildwood Area) – State Limit.

DEER: (Wildwood Area) – 1 deer per day.

DEER: (Westend Swamp) – State Limit.

Rule 220-2-.117, as previously promulgated in 2002-WFF-27, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**220-2-.119 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day Regulations**

The following regulations shall apply to Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, which days are established by Rule 220-2-.77. The regular waterfowl season shooting hours, bag limits, and legal arms and ammunitions apply to the special days. Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled youth waterfowl hunts:

- (1) Up to two (2) youth participants must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor is to remain within arms length of the youth at all times.
- (2) Youth is defined as those individuals who have not reached their sixteenth birthday.
- (3) Adult is defined as those individuals twenty-five years old or older who are in possession of all state hunting licenses and state and federal waterfowl stamps required to hunt waterfowl. Possession of the required hunting licenses and stamps are required.
- (4) Only one firearm will be allowed per youth. Only the youth hunters will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting. The adult is to review with each youth the rules of firearm safety and to ensure they are followed.

**220-2-.125 Special 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons for Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Tuscaloosa County**

(1) The following special 2003-2004 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2003-2004 Hunting Seasons," as they apply to that portion of Tuscaloosa County known as the Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Tuscaloosa County, shall apply to hunting on the Sipsey River Swamp Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting;
2. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs);
3. Special muzzleloader season for Deer: By muzzleloader only – Stalk hunting only (no dogs) – open sights only (no scopes). During the special muzzleloader deer season, two (2) deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (excepted spotted fawns), is permitted November 19 to November 21 and January 9 to January 25. This special muzzleloader deer season shall supercede that muzzleloader season provided otherwise for Tuscaloosa County in Rule 220-2-.01(1)(a)3.
4. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through April 30 (no bag limit).

**220-2-.127 Special 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons for Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County**

- (1) The following special 2003-2004 hunting seasons, in accordance with the

below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2003-2004 Hunting Seasons," and as established in Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2003-2004 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," as they apply to that portion of Lauderdale County known as the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Lauderdale County, shall apply to hunting on the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. There shall be no open season for deer or turkey.
2. The only legal firearms or weapons shall be black powder firearms otherwise legal for hunting and bow and arrow otherwise legal for hunting.
3. No trapping shall be allowed.

**220-2-.128 Special 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons for Coon Creek Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Tallapoosa County**

(1) The following special 2003-2004 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2003-2004 Hunting Seasons," Rule 220-2-.77, entitled "2003-2004 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," and Rule 220-2-.29, entitled "Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers," as they apply to that portion of Tallapoosa County known as the Coon Creek Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Tallapoosa County, shall apply to hunting on the Coon Creek Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. Deer hunting shall be limited to black powder firearms otherwise legal for hunting and bow and arrow otherwise legal for hunting.

**220-2-.118 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program**

Any person hunting migratory birds (woodcock, dove, rails, snipe, coots, purple gallinule, common moorhen, merganser, ducks or geese) required to be licensed should have completed a free Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program survey card providing information for the preceding season prior to hunting any species of migratory bird. Each person required to be licensed hunting migratory birds in Alabama should have the survey completion stamp on their person while hunting migratory birds.

It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person required to be licensed, having been warned by a law enforcement officer, to continue to hunt migratory birds without the survey completion stamp on their person.

**220-2-.02 Legal Arms and Ammunition for Hunting**

**LEGAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR HUNTING**

**FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND SILENCED FIREARMS PROHIBITED.**

**(1) GENERAL PROHIBITIONS:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt with a bow or gun that has a light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light (including a laser sight) forward of said bow or gun or to possess such a light source adapted for attachment to said bow or gun while hunting. It shall be



unlawful to possess any equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision equipment) while hunting any species of wildlife, both protected or unprotected species.

(2) **DEER:**

WHEN AND WHERE DOG OR STALK HUNTING IS ALLOWED -- Rifles using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition; shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using buckshot, slugs, or single round ball; Muzzle-loaders and Black Powder Handguns--.40 caliber or larger, provided however, that during special muzzleloader deer season, muzzleloaders shall be limited to those with open sights only (no scopes) and it shall be illegal to possess other firearms while hunting with muzzleloaders during the special muzzleloader season; long bows or compound bows; handguns or pistols using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.

WHEN AND WHERE STALK HUNTING ONLY IS ALLOWED -- Same as above, except slugs or single round ball only may be used in shotguns.

(3) **TURKEY:**

Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller, and long bows or compound bows. Handguns or pistols using centerfire mushrooming ammunition, black powder handguns or pistols .40 caliber or larger. Handguns or pistols can only have open metallic sights (no scopes). Use of decoys prohibited.

(4) **MIGRATORY BIRDS:**

Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, plugged or otherwise incapable of holding more than 3 shells using standard No. 2 shot or smaller, except waterfowl must be hunted with steel shot only, T-size or smaller and waterfowl hunters shall not possess any other size steel shot or any size lead shot; or long bows or compound bows. Waterfowl may also be hunted with other shot compositions and shot sizes that are approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(5) **BOBCAT & GROUNDHOG:**

Rifles of any caliber; handguns or pistols; shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller; long bows or compound bows.

(6) **RACCOON & OPOSSUM:**

Nighttime hunting--Shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller; .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms. (See "(8) OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS" for daytime hunting.)

(7) **FOX, COYOTE**

**SWINE:** shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller (with slugs or single round ball only during stalk gun deer season); long bows or compound bows.

- (8) **OTHER GAME OR ANIMALS:** Rifles using rimfire ammunition or those **BIRDS** operated by air;muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber; long bows or compound bows (Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, no crossbows or other devices propelling arrows or bolts); shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 4 shot or smaller; handguns or pistols; blowguns using darts propelled by the hunter's breath only; or sling shots.
- (9) **SPEAR:** DEER and FERAL SWINE may be taken by hand thrown spear during the open Bow and Arrow season on these species. The hand thrown spear shall have a sharpened blade a minimum of two inches in width. The spear shall only be hand thrown.
- (10) **CROSSBOW:**(a) Properly permitted and licensed permanently disabled persons may use a crossbow to take any of the above game birds or animals during open season.
- (b) Permits for permanently disabled persons to use a crossbow shall be issued to persons meeting at least one of the following qualifications:
- (1) Any person previously licensed under Section 9-11-45.1, Code of Alabama, to use a crossbow.
- (2) Any person unable to ambulate without the aid of a wheelchair, two crutches, two leg braces or two leg prostheses at all times.
- (3) Any person who, by reason of permanent physical impairment, is incapable of holding, drawing, or releasing a compound bow, recurve bow, or long bow, with a minimum peak tension (within the user's normal draw length) of 35 pounds.
- Persons applying for a permit to use a crossbow pursuant to (b)(2) or (b)(3) above shall present to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a letter from a licensed physician stating the applicant's name, address, description of the permanent physical impairment, the medical reason for such impairment, and a specific statement certifying how the applicant meets the criteria of (b)(2) or (b)(3). Upon review and approval of such letter by an authorized employee of the Department, the letter shall be returned to the applicant and said letter shall be in the applicant's possession and serve as a permit at any time he/she is utilizing a crossbow for hunting.

#### **220-2-.03 Legal Specifications for Bow and Arrow**

- (1) A legal bow for hunting is defined as either a long bow, a recurve bow or a compound bow designed to be held, drawn, and fired in the upright (vertical) position. There shall be no attachment or extensions on the bow upon which the

shooter may rest the string, drawing hand, fingers, release aid or arm to assist in holding or to hold the bow at full draw. The bow must be supported only by the shooter's hand, and the string and arrow must be drawn and held using only the shooter's strength while the bow is being shot. This does not prohibit the use of cable guards on compound bows or the use of string releases or mechanical releases which are hand-held and hand-drawn with no other attachments, connection or contact with the bow other than to the bow string. It shall be unlawful to hunt with any bow which does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

(2) Sighting and aiming devices on all bows shall be void of any electronics with computational capabilities. The use of electrically assisted aiming devices shall be limited to illuminated sight pins/beads/markings which are attached to the bow. Sights with magnification or light projection (laser type) features are prohibited.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt wildlife with a crossbow or with any mechanical device that holds a bow at full or partial draw, except a person holding a valid crossbow permit issued by the Department is allowed to use a device that holds a bow at full draw provided the device has a full working safety to prevent accidental firings, or a crossbow as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

(4) It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, for any person to hunt deer and turkey with bow and arrows that are not in conformance with the following specifications:

(a) Bows must have a minimum peak tension (within the user's normal draw length) of 35 pounds. Compound bows shall not have draw reduction (let-off) greater than 90 percent at full draw.

(b) Arrows shall be a minimum of 20 inches in length (nock slot to end of shaft) and equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum of 2 sharpened edges.

(c) Broadheads shall have a minimum weight of 100 grains. The minimum cutting diameter for any broadhead shall be 7/8 inch. The minimum thickness for fixed blade broadheads shall be .015 inch, and the minimum thickness for expanded broadheads shall be .025 inch.

#### **220-2-.99 Legal Specifications For Crossbows and Arrows For Use by Disabled Persons**

Crossbows and arrows for hunting game birds, animals and unprotected wildlife by properly permitted and licensed permanently disabled persons, pursuant to Rule 220-2-.02(10), must meet the following specifications:

(1) Crossbows must have a minimum peak tension (within the normal draw length) of 100 pounds.

(2) Crossbows must be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing.

(3) Sighting and aiming devices on all crossbows shall be void of any electronics with computational capabilities. The use of electrically assisted aiming devices shall be limited to illuminated sight pins/beads/markings which are attached to the bow. Sights with magnification or light projection (laser type) features are prohibited.

(4) Bolts or arrows shall be a minimum of 14 inches in length measured from nock slot to end of shaft.

(5) Arrows or bolts used for hunting deer and turkey must be equipped with a

broadhead which has a minimum of two sharpened edges. Broadheads shall have a minimum weight of 100 grains. The minimum cutting diameter for any broadhead shall be 7/8 inch. The minimum thickness for fixed blade broadheads shall be .015 inch, and the minimum thickness for expanded broadheads shall be .025 inch.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, resident and non-resident licensed sport fishermen who also hold a valid permit or license from his or her state of residence, or the State of Alabama, to hunt by crossbow as a disabled person, may use crossbows for bowfishing in Alabama, provided such persons otherwise comply with the provisions of this rule and Rule 220-2-.46.

#### **220-2-.04 Game Birds Designated**

Resident Game Birds: Bobwhite Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey; Migratory Game Birds: Wild Duck, Wild Goose, Brant, Rail, Sora, Coot, (Poule d'Eau or Mud Hen), Jacksnipe (Wilson Snipe), Woodcock, Dove, Gallinule, and Merganser.

#### **220-2-.05 Legal Hunting Hours for Game Birds**

Legal hunting hours for game birds during the open season shall be daylight hours only, except (1) Dove, as designated, and (2) Duck, Coot, Goose, Snipe, and Woodcock, 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset (except as otherwise designated).

#### **220-2-.06 Game Animals Designated**

The following animals are hereby designated as game animals: Bear, Beaver, Coyote, Deer, Opossum, Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Nutria, Fox, Mountain Lion (Cougar), Groundhog, Bobcat, Red Wolf, Feral Swine (Wild Hog), except those feral swine reduced to the personal possession of a landowner or his agent, provided, however, that notwithstanding such reduction to personal possession, in the event such feral swine are hunted, they shall at such time of hunting be designated as game animals.

#### **220-2-.07 Legal Hunting Hours for Game Animals**

Legal hunting hours for all game animals during the open season for same shall be daylight hours only, except fox may be hunted at night with light and dogs only, and raccoon and opossum may be hunted under the following conditions: with the use of a light and a shotgun using No. 6 shot or smaller or a .22 caliber rimfire firearms when hunter or hunters are accompanied by dog or dogs free of leash, and if hunting on the lands of another, they must have the written permission of the landowner.

#### **220-2-.08 Hunting of Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrel, Rabbit and Deer During Closed Gun Season**

It is hereby made lawful to run raccoon, opossum, squirrel, and rabbit with dogs during the closed gun season on raccoon, opossum, squirrel, and rabbit by licensed hunters, provided, however, that under no circumstances shall anyone take, kill or have in his possession any raccoon, opossum, squirrel, or rabbit, or possess any device that could aid in capturing or killing other than light in conjunction with the running of raccoon, opossum, squirrel, and rabbit as permitted under this regulation during the closed gun season. Provided, further, that deer may be run with dogs only from the period October 1 until the opening of gun deer season in counties having a scheduled gun dog deer season. In addition it is also provided further that each cast participating in a raccoon night hunt field trial having a permit issued pursuant to Rule 220-2-.17 may possess one raccoon squaller during the closed season on raccoons.

#### **220-2-.112 Dog Deer Hunting**

(a) It shall be unlawful to cast, release, or otherwise place, a dog, for the purpose of

hunting deer, from, upon, or onto, a public right-of-way, without the permission of the landowners whose land adjoins the right-of-way within 50 feet of the location of such dog.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize a dog for the purpose of deer hunting without the person placing and maintaining on said dog a collar containing the following information clearly stated thereon: the name, address, and telephone number of the person utilizing the dog.

#### **220-2-.86 Feral Swine Regulation**

(1) All feral swine (wild hogs) found in the wild are hereby classed as game animals. The seasons and methods for taking feral swine will be as provided in Rule 220-2-.01.

Once reduced to personal possession of the landowner or agent, feral swine will no longer be considered a game animal. However, feral swine will be considered a game animal at any time they are hunted.

It shall be unlawful to release feral swine into any areas of the state where a wild population of feral swine does not exist, except they may be released back onto property where they were originally trapped.

#### **220-2-.09 Specification of Firearms for Hunting**

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to submit firearms and ammunition or any other device, instrument and accessories used in hunting to Conservation Officers for inspection.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt with a bow or gun that has a light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light (including a laser sight) forward of said bow or gun or to possess such a light source adapted for attachment to said bow or gun while hunting. It shall be unlawful to use any equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision equipment) to hunt any species of wildlife, both protected or unprotected species.

(1) (a) In all counties and areas where deer hunting with dogs is prohibited, only the following weapons and ammunition may be used to hunt or attempt to hunt deer:

- Rifles using center fire mushrooming ammunition
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of .40 caliber or larger
- Long Bows or compound bows - See Item (8) this regulation
- Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller using rifle slugs or single round ball
- Handguns or pistols using center fire mushrooming ammunition

(b) In all counties and areas where deer hunting with dogs is permitted, only the following weapons may be used to hunt or attempt to hunt deer:

- Rifles using center fire mushrooming ammunition
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of .40 caliber or larger
- Long Bows or compound bows - See Item (8) this regulation
- Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller using rifle slugs, single round ball or buckshot
- Handguns or pistols using center fire mushrooming ammunition

(c) During special muzzleloader deer season muzzleloaders shall be limited to those with open sights only (no scopes). It shall be illegal to possess other firearms while hunting with muzzleloaders during the special muzzleloader season.

(2) (a) In all counties where turkey hunting is permitted, only the following weapons and ammunition may be used to hunt or attempt to hunt turkey:

- Long Bows or compound bows - See Item (8) this regulation
- Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller
- Handguns or pistols using center fire mushrooming ammunition, black powder handguns or pistols .40 caliber or larger. Handguns or pistols can only have open metallic sights (no scopes). Use of decoys prohibited.

(b) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the possession of rifles, shotgun/rifle combination (drilling) or buckshot and slugs when hunter is stalk hunting for both deer and turkey as long as no person shoots or attempts to shoot a turkey with the rifle or shotgun using buckshot or slugs.

(3) It shall be lawful to use only the following weapons and ammunition while hunting or attempting to hunt migratory birds and waterfowl:

- Long bows or compound bows
- Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells and using standard No. 2 shot or smaller, except waterfowl must be hunted with steel shot only, T-size or smaller, and waterfowl hunters shall not possess any other size steel shot or any size lead shot. Waterfowl may also be hunted with other shot compositions and shot sizes that are approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(4) It shall be lawful to use only the following weapons and ammunition while hunting or attempting to hunt all other game birds and animals not otherwise provided for herein, except when hunting raccoon or opossum at night, see general law for proper firearms and ammunition:

- Rifles using rimfire ammunition or those operated by air
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber
- Long Bows or compound bows (Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, no crossbows or devices propelling arrows or bolts)
- Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 4 shot or smaller
- Handguns or pistols
- Blowguns using darts propelled by the hunter's breath only
- Sling shots

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or have in their possession any weapon or ammunition contrary to this regulation while hunting or attempting to hunt game birds and animals unless otherwise expressly provided by duly enacted laws of the State of Alabama.

(6) Bobcats, groundhogs or unprotected wildlife can be taken by means of rifles, shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller, handguns, or pistols of any caliber and long bow or compound bows.

(7) Feral swine, fox, and coyote can be taken by rifles of any

caliber, handguns or pistols, shotguns 10 gauge or smaller (with slugs or single round ball only during stalk gun deer season), long bows or compound bows.

(8) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer and turkey with bow and arrows that are not in conformance with the legal specifications for bow and arrow set out in Rule 220-2-.03, as it may be amended from time to time.

(9) SPEAR: DEER and FERAL SWINE may be taken by hand thrown spear during the open Bow and Arrow season on these species. The hand thrown spear shall have a sharpened blade a minimum of two inches in width. The spear shall only be hand thrown.

(10) Properly permitted and licensed permanently disabled persons, pursuant to Rule 220-2-.02(10), may use a crossbow to take any of the above game birds or animals during open season.

(11) [NOTE: Special rules and regulations apply to the use of Raptors for hunting. For a complete copy of the falconry regulation contact: Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Wildlife Section, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130 or call them at 334-242-3469.]

(12) It shall be lawful for any person, firm or corporation to trap woodchuck (groundhog) from the first day of April through the thirty-first day of August each year, provided, however, traps shall be set only on or within 100 feet of fields containing agricultural crops or on or within 100 feet of fields that contained agricultural crops in the year immediately preceding. All such traps shall be tagged with the owner's name and address.

(13) It shall be illegal to hunt with any weapon or method except as outlined in this regulation. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided by law.

#### **220-2-.10 The Possession of Firearms by Bow Hunters Prohibited**

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess both gun and bow while hunting any species of game, bird or animal, except during and in areas of the either sex gun deer season.

#### **220-2-.11 Prohibited Methods and Devices for Hunting**

It shall be unlawful to concentrate, drive, rally, molest or to hunt, take, capture or kill or attempt to hunt, take, capture or kill any bird or animal from or by the aid of:

- (1) Any automobile, motorcar, airplane, train, motorboat, sailboat or any type mechanically propelled device, or any other device being operated in conjunction with any of the above mentioned devices of transportation. Provided, however, that nothing in this regulation shall prevent the hunting of migratory waterfowl from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, when the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, its progress therefrom has ceased, and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or it is being propelled by paddle, oars or pole, and provided further that nothing in this regulation shall prevent paraplegics and single or double leg amputees from taking game birds and game animals from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor driven land conveyance; and provided further nothing shall prohibit the hunting of quail or squirrel with the aid of a

motor driven vehicle provided that it will be unlawful for anyone to shoot from said motor vehicle except as provided for above.

- (2) Any electrically amplified bird calls or sound whether real or imitation. Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the use of electrically amplified crow calls. The possession of any electrical device and/or records capable of producing real or imitation bird calls of any type except crow calls in the woods, field, or on the waters of this State shall be a violation of this regulation; and provided further nothing shall prohibit the use of an electronic quail call to recall captive bred quail, provided the person using an electronic quail call has acquired and has in possession a permit issued by an authorized representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, and provided that only banded pen raised quail shall be used and any unbanded birds taken in the recovery pen shall be immediately released.
- (3) Any crossbow unless otherwise provided by law or regulation. Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the use of long bows or compound bows for the taking of game birds or animals during the open season and during daylight hours only.
- (4) Fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.
- (5) Any live decoys, except when hunting unprotected birds or animals, provided that banded live pen raised quail may be used in a recovery pen as a call bird when such recovery pen is used to recover pen raised quail as provided for in Regulation 220-2-.16.
- (6) It shall be unlawful for any person while engaged in hunting turkey in this State to use or have in his possession any type decoy or object designed to attract or resemble any part of a turkey or that can be manipulated to attract a turkey. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as prohibiting the use of manually operated calling equipment.
- (7) From floodwater. It shall be a violation of this regulation to hunt or attempt to hunt or take any species of resident bird or animal taking refuge in, swimming through, flying over, or resting in a tree, bush, or log standing or floating in any floodwaters or backwaters or taking refuge on any island less than forty acres in size created by any such flood or backwaters. Provided, however, that nothing in this regulation shall prevent the taking of migratory waterfowl from such areas.
- (8) Any area where feeding has taken place, until all the feed has been removed or consumed for at least 10 days prior to such hunting.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt with a bow or gun that has a light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light (including a laser sight) forward of said bow or gun or to possess such a light source adapted for attachment to said bow or gun while hunting.

**220-2-.12 Game Bag, Hunting Coat, Etc., Shall be Open to Inspection**

(1) Pursuant to the Code of Alabama, 1975, Sections 9-11-259 and 9-11-85, which provided in effect that all game birds, animals or fish taken or killed in this State must at all times be carried or transported openly and that all game birds, animals or fish carried or transported in an illegal manner shall be confiscated and disposed of under regulations by the Commissioner; any live box, holding box, game bag, hunting coat, camping equipment, or like receptacles, or any automobile or boat used for the carrying or holding of any fish, game birds, or game animals or any gun or fishing tackle used in hunting or fishing shall be subject to inspection by



officers of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at all times upon proper identification of said officer. Any person who refuses to allow inspection of the above named articles shall be in violation of this regulation and shall be punished as provided by law.

**220-2-.13 Reasonable Effort Must Be Made to Retrieve Crippled Birds, Animals and Fish**

It shall be illegal for any person, firm, or corporation to kill or cripple any species of game bird, game animal or game fish without making a reasonable effort to retrieve same and include it in his daily bag or creel limit. Nothing in this regulation permits or requires a person to enter upon the land or waters of another for the purpose of retrieving game or fish without the permission of the landowner.

**220-2-.14 Deer Hunting Confined to Bucks Only with Bare Antlers Visible Above Hairline**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill or have in possession any deer, except male or "buck" deer with bare antlers visible above the natural hairline, except under special regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, or to mutilate a deer so as to make the antlers visible above the natural hairline.

**220-2-.15 Destroying Sex of Deer or Wild Turkey Prohibited**

It is hereby made unlawful for any person who kills, captures, or possesses a deer or wild turkey, in order to evade or attempt to evade any law or regulation, to destroy or attempt to destroy the evidence of sex, or to mutilate the carcass of such deer or wild turkey so as to make the determination of the legal status of the deer or turkey uncertain. Nothing in this regulation is intended to prevent any person from dressing for consumption any deer or wild turkey which has been killed legally. This regulation is designed to prohibit the killing or capturing of illegal deer and wild turkey hens.

**220-2-.16 Period for Training Bird Dogs**

Any licensed dog trainer may train bird dogs and any licensed hunter may train his own bird dog during the closed hunting season. Any licensed dog trainer, any licensed hunter may train his bird dogs with the aid of a recovery pen to recover the pen raised quail used in training bird dogs. Provided all pen raised quail used shall be banded and any unbanded birds taken in the recovery pen shall be immediately released.

Under no circumstances, however, shall such training be accomplished or allowed with the use of a gun during the closed hunting season other than as outlined below. Such trainer or owner may train such dogs by using a pistol loaded with blanks only. The training of bird dogs through the use of shotguns and live ammunition shall be allowed at any time of the year, provided that such training be restricted to a specific location predesignated to and approved by the Conservation Officer assigned to the area where the training is to take place; that the dogs being so trained be controlled by leash in a manner restricting them to the specified training area; that only unprotected birds be involved and that written permission for such training be obtained from said Conservation Officer assigned to such area.

**220-2-.17 Organized Field Trials**

It shall be legal for any resident or nonresident of this State to participate in any organized field trial, approved in writing by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, without a hunting license, provided that no guns using live ammunition are used or any game animals or birds are taken or killed in any way in the

process of such field trial. Provided further that during the course of approved bird dog field trials (which trials shall only be conducted pursuant to possession of a valid permit from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), only pen-raised banded quail may be shot. The shooter, or person bearing the gun, will not be required to have a hunting license. Only one person at a time may possess a gun during the course of a permitted field trial where quail will be shot. A bird dog field trial permit where quail are taken will only be issued for a predesignated marked course and the number of tagged pen-raised birds to be released will be specified on the permit. Approval of the local conservation officer will be required prior to the issuance of a bird dog field trial permit where pen-raised quail are to be taken. Permits for bird dog field trials where birds are to be shot will only be issued from September 1 through April 30.

**220-2-.101 Hunting of Captive Bred Mallard Ducks on Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserves**

Captive bred mallard ducks, properly marked in accordance with federal regulations, shall be legal fowl to be hunted on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Such hunting shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**220-2-.18 Possession Limit**

It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take or have in possession more than the daily bag limit of any game bird, game or furbearing animals except as listed in numbers (1) and (2) of this rule and in Rule No. 220-2-.19, entitled "Permit For Shipping 2-Days Bag Limit," below.

(1) Possession limit does not apply on deer and/or turkey provided not more than the daily bag limit on deer and/or one (1) turkey is taken on any one day.

(2) Possession limit of one day bag does not apply on legally taken game birds or game animals after they have been processed and stored in a cooler or freezer at one's residence or at a commercial processing plant.

(3) Rule 220-2-.18, as previously adopted, is hereby expressly repealed in its entirety.

**220-2-.19 Permit for Shipping 2-Days Bag Limit**

Any person legally hunting and killing any resident game bird or animal for two or more successive days outside the county of his or her residence may, upon first procuring a permit from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, ship a maximum of not more than two days bag limit of such birds or animals back to the county of his or her residence, provided that not more than one day's bag limit shall be taken or killed on any one day, and further provided that where the possession limit is the same as the daily bag limit, no permit will be issued for more than one day's bag limit.

**220-2-.21 Possession of Firearms or Bow and Arrow in any Wildlife Management Area, Refuge or Sanctuary Prohibited**

No person shall take, carry, or possess any firearms or bow of any description whatsoever in any wildlife management area in this State during the closed season on game birds, game and/or fur-bearing animals, except on an open designated target range and except a person may possess a bow and arrow only during special bow season allowed for the taking of rough fish. No person shall at any time take, carry or possess any firearms or bows of any description whatsoever in or on any wildlife refuge or

wildlife sanctuary located in or on any national forest area in this State, or on or in any state or federal sanctuary except by special permit or when bow and arrows may be legally possessed during special bow season provided for the taking of rough fish on such areas by regulations of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to the possession of firearms by State Conservation Officers, state or county enforcement officers, or federal agents, when they are on active duty in the performance of their duties in the enforcement of the laws of this State.

**220-2-.22 Wildlife Management Areas and Sanctuaries Established**

(1) The areas and refuges described in paragraph (2) hereof are hereby established as "wildlife management areas." The boundary lines of these areas and refuges shall be as they are described on the maps attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set out herein in full.

(2) The names and counties of these areas and refuges are as follows: Autauga County Community Hunting Area (Autauga); Barbour Wildlife Management Area (Barbour, Bullock); Black Warrior Wildlife Management Area (Winston, Lawrence); Blue Spring Wildlife Management Area (Covington); Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area (Bibb, Shelby); Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area (Cleburne, Calhoun); Coosa Wildlife Management Area (Coosa); Covington Wildlife Management Area (Covington, Geneva); Crow Creek Management Area (Jackson); Demopolis Wildlife Management Area (Sumter, Greene, Hale, Marengo); Escambia Creek Community Hunting Area (Escambia); Hollins Wildlife Management Area (Talladega, Clay); Kinterbish Wildlife Management Area (Sumter); Lauderdale Wildlife Management Area (Lauderdale); Little River Wildlife Management Area (DeKalb, Cherokee); Lowndes Wildlife Management Area (Lowndes); Mallard-Fox Creek Wildlife Management Area (Morgan, Lawrence); Mud Creek Management Area (Jackson); Mulberry Fork Wildlife Management Area (Walker, Tuscaloosa); Sam R. Murphy Wildlife Management Area (Lamar, Marion); Oakmulgee Wildlife Management Area (Bibb, Perry, Hale, Tuscaloosa); Raccoon Creek Management Area (Jackson); Frank W. & Rob M. Boykin Wildlife Management Area (Washington, Mobile); Scotch Wildlife Management Area (Clarke); Seven Mile Island Wildlife Management Area (Lauderdale); James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area (Jackson); St. Clair Community Hunting Area (St. Clair); Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area (Limestone); Freedom Hills Wildlife Management Area (Colbert); Upper Delta Wildlife Management Area (Baldwin, Mobile); W. L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta Wildlife Management Areas (Baldwin, Mobile); West Jefferson Public Hunting Area (Jefferson, Tuscaloosa); Wolf Creek Wildlife Management Area (Walker, Fayette); North Sauty Refuge (Jackson); and Crow Creek Refuge (Jackson).

(3) The following sanctuaries are hereby established: Fred T. Stimpson Wildlife Sanctuary (Clarke); and Upper State Game Sanctuary (Clarke). The boundary lines of these sanctuaries shall be as they are described on the maps attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set out herein in full.

(4) In addition, the following Federal refuges exist in the State of Alabama: Choctaw Wildlife Refuge (Choctaw); Eufaula Wildlife Refuge (Barbour); Wheeler Wildlife Refuge (Morgan, Limestone, Madison); Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge (Baldwin, Mobile); and Grand Bay Wildlife Refuge (Mobile). The boundary lines and areas for these refuges are established by Federal authorities.

(5) Rule No. 220-2-.22, as previously promulgated, is hereby expressly repealed.

[For WMA maps, please contact the Wildlife Section at 334-242-3469.]

**220-2-.23 Licenses and Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Must be in Possession**

Every person hunting, trapping or fishing in the State, who is required by law to have a hunting, fishing or trapping license and migratory bird hunting stamp, must have said license or licenses in his or her possession at all times. When hunting, fishing or trapping, and such license or licenses must be presented for inspection to any authorized officer of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources upon demand.

**220-2-.24 Possession of Carcass, Untanned Hides or Skins**

It shall be a violation of this regulation to have in possession the carcass, untanned hide, or skin of any bird or animal, or any part of said bird or animal if it has been taken, caught or killed in violation of the laws and regulations of this State. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any freshly killed bird or animal protected by law or regulation of this State except during the open season for the taking of same.

**220-2-.25 Imported Game Birds, Game Animals and Raw Furs Subject to State Laws**

(1) All game or fur-bearing animals, game birds, or the dead bodies or parts thereof transported into the State of Alabama from any other state, territory or foreign country for use, consumption, sale or storage in the State of Alabama shall, upon arrival, be subject to the operation and effect of the laws and regulations of the State of Alabama enacted in the exercise of its police powers to the same extent and in the same manner as though such animals or birds had been produced or taken in the State of Alabama.

(2) Any private commercial shooting preserve that is licensed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may, by obtaining a special letter permit from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, hunt any species of exotic or non-native birds at any time of the year when such exotic or non-native birds have been stocked on said hunting preserves. Provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to any bird or animal that appears on the U.S. Department of the Interior's and State of Alabama's "Endangered Species" list.

(3) Native game birds and animals other than species listed on hunting preserve license may be taken only on licensed hunting preserves during legal hunting seasons and when taken by properly licensed hunters abiding by any bag limits and other regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or established by law.

**220-2-.26 Restrictions on Possession, Sale, Importation and/or Release of Certain Animals and Fish**

(1) No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association shall possess, sell, offer for sale, import, bring or cause to be brought or imported into the State of Alabama any of the following live fish or animals:

Any Walking Catfish or any other fish of the genus Clarias;

Any Piranha or any fish of the genus Serrasalmus;

Any Black Carp of the genus Mylopharyngodon;

Any species of Mongoose;

San Juan Rabbits, Jack Rabbits or any other species of wild rabbit or hare; or

Any of the following from any area outside the state of Alabama: any member of

the family Cervidae (to include but not be limited to deer, elk, moose, caribou), species of coyote, species of fox, species of raccoon, species of skunk, wild rodent, or strain of wild turkey, black bear (*Ursus americanus*), mountain lion (*Felis concolor*), bobcat (*Felis rufus*), Pronghorn Antelope (*Antilocapridae*), any nondomestic member of the families *Suidae* (pigs), *Tayassuidae* (peccaries), or *Bovidae* (bison, mountain goat, mountain sheep).

No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association, shall transport within the state, any member of the above-stated species (whether such member originated within or without the state), except for properly licensed game-breeders pursuant to Section 9-11-31, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) It shall be unlawful to release any tame turkey, or any other turkey, whether wild or tame, into any of the wild areas of this State.

The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any turkeys kept by any farmer or landowner of this State for normal agricultural purposes or for personal consumption.

(3) Nutria shall not be propagated or released in this State. No person, firm or corporation shall release any Nutria from captivity in this State or propagate any Nutria for the purpose of stocking in the wild of this State.

(4) All species of sturgeon are hereby declared to be protected fish within this State and any person who shall catch a sturgeon shall immediately return it to the waters from whence it came with the least possible harm.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to possess a species of sturgeon not native to Alabama waters, to introduce such a species of sturgeon to public waters of Alabama, or to offer for sale or import any such non-native sturgeon in Alabama, except by permit from the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(6) It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, offer for sale, import, or release any of the following fish: Chinese perch (*Siniperca spp.*), all snakeheads (*Channa spp.*), all mud carp (*Cirrhinus spp.*), or blue back herring (*Alosa aestivalis*).

(7) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, sell, offer for sale, import, or release any non-indigenous venomous reptile in or into the State of Alabama, except by written permission of a designated employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized by the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to issue such permits.

(8) Except as authorized by permit issued by the Department prior to the date of this amendment, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any live, protected wild bird or wild animal or live embryo, eggs, or sperm of these protected wild birds or animals. "Possession" in this section does not include deer restricted by natural or man made barriers as long as the deer remain wild and are not subject to management practices of domesticated animals.

(9) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the exceptions provided for in Section 9-2-13(b), Code of Alabama 1975. Accredited educational facilities, research facilities, and permitted rehabilitation facilities shall be exempt from this regulation through the written permission of the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries or his designee.

**220-2-.93 Prohibition of Importation/Possession of the Fishes Rudd and Roach**

(a) The importation into the State of Alabama of the fish, "rudd," (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*) or of the fish, "roach," (*Rutilus rutilus*), or any hybrids of either species, by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, is hereby prohibited. Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity in violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by Section 9-2-13, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended.

(b) The possession in the State of Alabama of the fish, "rudd," (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*) or of the fish, "roach," (*Rutilus rutilus*), or any hybrids of either species, by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, is hereby prohibited. Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity in violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by Section 9-1-4, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended.

**220-2-.102 Prohibition of Use of Certain Animals in Greyhound Racing or Training**

It shall be unlawful for anyone to use any live game animal(s) or any live animal(s) that is/are prohibited from being imported or possessed in this state by Rule 220-2-.26 of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in any greyhound dog race or in the training of any greyhound dog for racing.

**220-2-.27 Permit to Take Protected Game Causing Crop or Property Damage**

It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person during the closed gun season to kill protected birds and animals causing crop or property damage without first procuring a permit from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Permits for the removal of protected game birds and animals will be issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee if after investigation it has been determined that such protected wildlife should be removed to protect agricultural crops or other property from excessive damage. Such permits will only be issued to the person owning the land or his/her official agent or to any person who has a lease on such lands, provided the lessee has the permission of the landowner to remove protected wildlife causing the damage. Except for feral swine, permits shall not be issued to take protected wildlife causing damage to crops planted for wildlife management purposes. All wildlife killed shall be disposed of under the supervision of the local conservation officers.

Only those arms and ammunition legal for use during the open deer season may be used to kill deer under the authority of a crop or property damage permit. Exceptions may be stipulated in the conditions of the permit to allow the use of non-lethal methods when safety is a factor.

**220-2-.28 Metal Tag Required for Commercial Pen-Raised Quail**

A metal wing tag of the type approved by the Poultry Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, on which there shall be printed the name and address of the licensee (commercial quail breeders) and number of his license, shall be affixed to the carcass of every commercial quail sold or offered for sale in this State, and the said words to be printed on the same metal tag may be uniformly abbreviated in the following manner:

Alabama Q. B. Lic.  
No.  
(Name)  
(Address)

## **220-2-.29 Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers**

(1) The open seasons during which fur-bearing animals may be trapped in Alabama during 2003-2004 are fixed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources by virtue of the authority contained in the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 9-2-7 and 9-2-8, as follows:

**BOBCAT, SPOTTED SKUNK (CIVET CAT), COYOTE, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, NUTRIA, OPOSSUM, OTTER, RACCOON AND SKUNK:**

*November 15 - February 20*

**BEAVER:**

*No Closed Season*

**COYOTE:**

*No Closed Trapping Season on Private Lands  
with Landowner Permission*

NOTE: See tagging requirements for Bobcat and Otter under Rule 220-2-.30.

(2) Rule 220-2-.29, as previously promulgated in 2002-WFF-18, is hereby expressly repealed.

## **220-2-.30 Fur-Bearing Animals Designated**

The following shall be named and designated as fur-bearing animals in Alabama:

Beaver, Bobcat, Civet Cat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Nutria, Opossum, Otter, Raccoon, Skunk, and Coyote.

(1) Fur Catchers - no land set leg-hold trap having a jaw width exceeding 6 inches, leg hold trap having teeth or serrated edges along the inside of one or both jaws, conibear trap or killer type trap with jaw width exceeding 5 inches or snares (except powered foot snare with a maximum loop of 5 1/2 inches) can be used to trap fur-bearing animals on land. Any person trapping fur-bearing animals in the State of Alabama must carry with him a choke stick while running traps. When legally trapped fur-bearing animals are dispatched with a firearm, only standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms may be used.

(2) Persons taking bobcat and otter must have the fur or pelts tagged by representatives of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking and before the fur or pelt is sold or otherwise disposed of.

(a) However, a licensed fur catcher may sell untagged bobcat and otter to an authorized resident fur dealer and leave a completed signed fur tag report with said dealer. The dealer must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of purchasing bobcat or otter pelts.

(b) Legally acquired bobcat and otter pelts or carcasses may be delivered untagged to a resident taxidermist for mounting if the owner leaves a completed, signed fur tag report with said taxidermist. The taxidermist must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking delivery of said pelts and transmit the completed fur tag report to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries representative at the time the pelt or carcass is tagged.

(c) Tags may be removed from bobcat and otter pelts when processed by a taxidermist for mounting. However, the removed tag must remain with the mounted specimen when it is returned to its owner and until the mount and pelt are destroyed.

(d) It shall be unlawful for anyone to ship, transport, or export bobcat and

otter pelts from this state unless said bobcat and otter pelts are tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

(e) All bobcat and otter pelts shipped or imported into this state must be officially tagged by the state of origin.

(3) It shall be illegal to set a trap on top of a post or stake elevated above ground level.

(4) It shall be unlawful for anyone to use or possess any device as a predatory call during nighttime hours while in the possession of any type of firearm or when any member of a group is in possession of any type of firearm.

#### **220-2-.31 Unlawful to Hang or Suspend Bait**

It shall be unlawful to hang or suspend bait over or within 25 feet of a steel trap.

#### **220-2-.32 Possession or Sale of Raw Furs After Close of Season**

Any fur catcher or fur dealer holding the raw furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals after the season for taking same has been closed must submit to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources an inventory of all raw furs being held by the fur catcher or fur dealer within 45 days after the date season closes, listing furs as to species and number and where such furs are stored. Any change in this inventory prior to the opening of following season for taking fur-bearing animals shall be reported to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within seven days. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have the right to inspect said furs at any time it deems necessary.

#### **220-2-.33 Fur Dealers**

All persons, firms, associations, or corporations dealing in storing, buying or transporting or otherwise shipping furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals shall provide and keep for regular inspection:

The name and address of each person from whom furs, skins and pelts of fur-bearing animals have been received or purchased.

The fur catcher license number of the catcher from whom the furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals have been received or purchased.

The number and classification of furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals with reference to kind of fur, skin or pelt.

And the dates such furs, skins or pelts were sold, the person, firm, association or corporation to whom said furs, skins or pelts were sold and the gross amount in dollars and cents received from said sales.

#### **220-2-.34 Game Fish Designated**

The following shall be named and designated as game fish: rainbow trout, all members of the sunfish family, including largemouth, shoal, smallmouth, redeye and spotted bass (commonly called trout or green trout), white and black crappie (commonly called white perch), rock bass, shadow bass, flier, warmouth, redbreast, bluegill, longear and shellcracker (commonly called bream). All members of the bass family including white bass, yellow bass, saltwater striped bass (commonly called rockfish) and hybrid striped bass (a cross between the white bass and the saltwater striped bass). All members of the pike family including redbfin, grass and chain pickerel. The following members of the perch family: the sauger (commonly called jack salmon), walleye and yellow perch.

#### **220-2-.35 Daily Creel Limits, Possession Limits and Size Limits on Game Fish**



The creel and possession limits for game fish in all public waters of this State, except as otherwise provided for certain State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, shall be as follows:

<b>Black Bass, All Species or Combination</b> .....	10
<b>Walleye</b> .....	5
<b>Sauger</b> .....	10

(There is a 14 inch minimum length limit on sauger with an exception of allowing three fish less than 14 inches in total length.)

<b>White Bass, Yellow Bass, Saltwater Striped Bass, and Hybrids or Combinations</b> .....	30
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(No more than six of the 30 can exceed 16 inches in total length and no more than two of the six may be saltwater striped bass. See exceptions for Neely Henry Lake and Weiss Reservoir; and further restrictions for Lake Martin.)

<b>Crappie</b> .....	30
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(It is illegal to possess any crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch crappie limit include state owned public fishing lakes, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala and Weiss Reservoir. See minimum ten inch limit for Weiss Reservoir.)

<b>Bream</b> .....	50
<b>Rainbow Trout</b> .....	5
<b>Alligator Gar</b> .....	2

The creel and possession limits provided for above shall not apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bona fide fishing tournament provided they are released unharmed to the public waters from which they were taken as soon as reasonably possible on the same day they were taken.

Note: Total length of fish measured from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed.

Note: It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to transport more than one day's creel limit of any species of game fish beyond the boundaries of this state. It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to fillet freshwater fish while on public waters except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption, provided however, that fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.

**NOTE: IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY ANGLER TO FISH WITH MORE THAN THREE RODS AND REELS, OR POLES, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF ON WEISS RESERVOIR OR NEELY HENRY LAKE, AT ANY TIME.**

THERE IS NO CLOSED SEASON ON ANY FRESHWATER GAME FISH.

**SIZE LIMITS** - As provided for above, as posted in State and Federally owned and/or managed public fishing lakes and ponds, and as follows:

1. **Demopolis Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass less than 14 inches in total length.
2. **Guntersville Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass less than 15 inches in total length.
3. **Harris Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.
4. **Lake Jackson at Florala** - Creel limit of five black bass greater than 12 inches in total length. Only one of the five can be over 22 inches in total length.

5. **Lake Martin** - It is illegal to possess more than two white bass, yellow bass, saltwater striped bass and hybrids or combinations over 16 inches in total length in the daily creel limit.
6. **Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.
7. **Logan Martin Lake and Neely Henry Lake** - It is **legal** to possess a maximum of six white bass, yellow bass, saltwater striped bass and hybrids or combinations over 16 inches in total length in the daily creel limit.
8. **Pickwick Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 14 inches in total length or any crappie less than 9 inches in total length.
9. **Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.
10. **Weiss Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess crappie less than 10 inches in total length. It is **legal** to possess 30 white bass, yellow bass, saltwater striped bass and hybrids or combinations of any size.
11. **West Point Reservoir and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.
12. **Wilson Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass less than 15 inches in total length.
13. **Little Bear Creek Reservoir of the B.C.D.A. Lakes** - It is illegal to possess largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

SPECIAL CREEL LIMITS APPLY ON THE RECIPROCAL WATERS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER AND IMPOUNDMENTS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES; CHECK LOCALLY OR SEE REGULATION 220-2-.122.

Rule 220-2-.35, previously adopted effective October 10, 1996, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

#### **220-2-.36 State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes**

(1) Definition of State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes-The words "state-owned public fishing lakes" shall include and embrace all land and water under the direct supervision of the Fisheries Section of the Game and Fish Division. The lakes are as follows:

- Barbour County Public Lake
- Bibb County Public Lake
- Chambers County Public Lake
- Clay County Public Lake
- Coffee County Public Lake
- Crenshaw County Public Lake
- Dallas County Public Lake
- Dale County Public Lake
- DeKalb County Public Lake
- Fayette County Public Lake
- Geneva County Public Lake
- Leon Brooks Hines Public Lake (Escambia County)
- Lamar County Public Lake
- Lee County Public Lake
- Madison County Public Lake
- Marion County Public Lake
- Monroe County Public Lake
- Pike County Public Lake

- Walker County Public Lake
- Washington County Public Lake (J. Emmett Wood)

(2) Permit Required to Fish in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - Any person 12 years old or older who fishes, takes, catches, or attempts to fish, take, or catch fish in or from any state-owned or state-operated public fishing lake must have a valid permit in possession.

(3) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to leave a child under 12 years of age unaccompanied by an adult at any state-owned public fishing lake, and it shall also be a violation of this regulation for any child under 12 years of age to be at any state owned public fishing lake unaccompanied by an adult.

(4) Daily Creel, Possession Limits and Size Limits for Game Fish in State-Owned Public Lakes - The daily creel, possession and size limits for game fish and catfish in state-owned public fishing lakes shall be as posted at each lake. Creel, possession and size limits for fish not posted shall be the same as provided for all public waters of this State.

(5) Time to Fish - Fishing in state-owned fishing lakes shall be limited to daylight hours or as specified by an agent of the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(6) Fishing in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes Regulated

(a) No method other than hook and line with natural or artificial bait may be used to take or attempt to take fish from state-owned public fishing lakes except by special written permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Nothing in the regulation permits the taking of fish by "snagging," "snatching," trot lines, set hooks or jug fishing in the above mentioned areas.

(b) A person fishing shall upon demand exhibit his catch, fishing permit and fishing license to any Conservation Officer, concessionaire, or other agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for inspection.

(c) All fish taken from the lake must be carried to the concessionaire, who must count and weigh them.

(d) No species of fish shall be stocked in the state-owned public fishing lakes unless introduced by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(7) Unlawful to Sell Fish Taken from State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell, or use for any commercial purpose any fish, regardless of species or kind, taken from any of the state-owned public fishing lakes unless expressly permitted in writing by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(8) Use of Minnows for Bait in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes Regulated - Live minnows used for bait in any state public fishing lake shall be limited to the following species: Goldfish minnows, commonly called "Indiana" minnows; golden shiners, commonly called "Shiners," and fathead minnows, commonly called "Toughies." No person shall release in any state-owned public fishing lake any minnow whatsoever, either dead or alive, by emptying from a minnow bucket or any other method. All minnow buckets or other receptacles for holding minnows used at state-owned public fishing lakes shall at all times be open to inspection by Conservation Officers, concessionaires, or other agents or employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(9) It shall be unlawful to operate any size gasoline powered outboard motor on the state-owned public fishing lakes except where expressly permitted as posted. Where gasoline powered outboard motors are allowed, they shall be operated only at slow trolling speed creating no wake.

It shall be unlawful to operate such motors at any speed greater than trolling speed.

(10) No Camping - There shall be no camping on state-owned public fishing lake land unless by special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(11) No Swimming or Wading - There shall be no swimming or wading in the State-owned public fishing lakes.

(12) Personal Injuries or Accidents - The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to any person while on public fishing lake property or when utilizing the public lake facilities. Any person coming within the boundaries of the state-owned public lakes shall, by such entrance or use, waive any claim against the State or its agents for any accident or injury occurring while on or within public lake property.

(13) It shall be unlawful to use sailboats in public fishing lakes operated by the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It shall be unlawful to use any other type of boat on said lakes for any purpose other than fishing.

(14) It shall be a violation of this regulation to launch any boat on said lakes without first obtaining a launching permit and such fishing permits as may be required at each lake from the lake concessionaire.

(15) State Laws Applicable - All state laws now in force and laws, which may hereinafter be enacted by the Legislature, shall be maintained in the public lake areas.

(16) Conduct at State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - Any person, who conducts himself or herself in an unruly or disorderly manner in any public lake area, and any person, who so conducts himself or herself in a manner which will tend to annoy or disturb any visitor or employee, shall be in violation of this regulation. Any person in violation of this regulation shall not be entitled to a refund of any fee or rental.

(17) Soliciting or Advertising in State Lake Areas - No person shall solicit, sell or advertise in any public area without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(18) Removal of Shrubs or Wild Flowers - In order to protect all native, wild or domesticated trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers from destruction and to conserve the same, it is hereby made unlawful for any person to cut, destroy, damage or remove any such tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower growing in any public lake area. Any person, who willfully destroys, cuts, or breaks or removes any such tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing in any public lake area, shall be in violation of this regulation unless given special permission to do so from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(19) Defacing or Destroying State Property - Any person who litters, defaces or destroys any real or personal property in any of the public lake areas of Alabama and any property belonging to the State of Alabama in any of the public lake areas, shall be in violation of this regulation.

(20) State-Owned Public Fishing Lake Land Designated as Wildlife Sanctuaries -

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill, or attempt to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal or possess any firearm or bow and arrow in any of the places herein mentioned without special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(21) Speed Limits for Vehicles - The maximum speed limit for any power driven vehicles shall be 25 miles per hour unless otherwise specified by signs. All motorists shall come to a complete stop before crossing any intersection in any public lake area. This maximum speed limit shall be reduced as is reasonable when driving through any congested area; and when any person is driving through any congested area in the public lake area, he shall exercise every caution possible.

(22) Only licensed vehicles shall be allowed on public lake roads; no off road traffic shall be permitted.

(23) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to catch, take or attempt to take or catch fish, by any means whatsoever, in the ponds and lakes located on the fish hatcheries operated by the Game and Fish Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; provided however, this provision shall not apply to that lake known as Perry Lake.

(a) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to harass any such hatchery fish or to stock or release any fish into any such hatchery pond or lake.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person

1. to swim or wade in any pond or lake located on said hatcheries,

2. to camp on said hatcheries without the special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources,

3. to solicit, sell or advertise in any public area of said hatcheries without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources,

4. to cut, destroy, damage or remove any tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing on any such hatchery,

5. to litter, deface or destroy any real or personal property belonging to or operated by the State of Alabama on said hatcheries, or

6. to operate any motor vehicle on said hatcheries except as same is permitted by, and in accordance with, signs posted thereon.

(c) All state-owned and/or operated fish hatcheries are designated as Wildlife Sanctuaries, and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill or attempt to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal on any such hatchery without the special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

#### **220-2-.37 Restricted Use of Public Access Areas**

(1) Definition: Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, in this regulation, the term "public access area" shall include any state-owned, leased, and/or operated boat launching and/or landing access area, parking lot, ramp, pier, and any real or personal property within the boundaries of said areas.

(2) Picnicking, except at tables provided, and camping are prohibited at all public

access areas. Swimming or any other activities, to the extent that swimming or any other activity may interfere with the intended use of any public access area by the public, are forbidden; provided, however, that in any event it shall be unlawful to swim or wade within fifty (50) feet of any ramp at any public access area.

(3) The mooring of boats, houseboats and other watercraft is forbidden at all public access areas. In addition, the dry-docking, storage, or abandonment of any type of vessel, vehicle, or other personal property item, is prohibited at all public access areas.

(4) Public access areas are for the use of the pleasure boating, hunting and fishing public in general only. No commercial, industrial or construction equipment such as barges, dredges, etc., are to be loaded or unloaded without the specific written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(5) Persons using public access areas shall either place their trash and refuse matter in cans provided for such purposes, or where cans are not available, take it with them when they leave. No trash or refuse matter shall be placed at, in, or on any public access area (including placing in cans) unless said matter is directly incidental to the use of said area.

(6) Persons using public access areas shall park their vehicles and/or trailers in designated parking areas or, when areas are not designated, in such a way so as not to block any part of the ramp or pier or approach to the ramp or pier or interfere with the use of the public access area by other persons.

(7) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms on all public access areas.

(8) It shall be unlawful to swim, dive, sun bathe, or jump from any pier or ramp located at any public access area.

(9) Defacing or Destroying State Property -- Any person who litters, defaces or destroys any real or personal property on any of the public access areas or any property belonging to the State of Alabama in any of the public access areas, shall be in violation of this regulation.

(10) Only licensed vehicles shall be allowed on public access area roads and parking lots; no off-road traffic shall be permitted. No all-terrain vehicles shall be allowed to operate on any public access area. Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the use of properly licensed motorcycles on public access area roads or parking lots.

(11) Soliciting or Advertising on Public Access Areas -- No person shall solicit, sell, advertise, or install any sign on any public access area without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(12) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person(s) to build, tend, or maintain any fire at any public access area.

(13) Removal of Shrubs or Wildflowers -- In order to protect all native, wild or domesticated trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers from destruction and to conserve the same, it is hereby made unlawful for any person to cut, destroy, damage or remove any such tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower growing at any public access area. Any person who willfully destroys, cuts, or breaks or removes any such tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing in any public access area, shall be in violation of this regulation unless given special permission to do so from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(14) State Laws Applicable -- All state laws now in force and laws which may hereinafter be enacted by the Legislature shall be maintained in the public access areas.

(15) Personal Injuries or Accidents -- The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to any person while at or in public facilities. Any person coming within the boundaries of the public access areas shall, by such entrance or use, waive any claim against the State of Alabama, its employees, or its agents for any accident or injury to person or property occurring while on or within the said public access areas.

(16) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to loiter at any public access area.

(17) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to consume alcoholic beverages at any public access area.

#### **220-2-.38    Taking of Suckers Permitted in Certain Counties**

It shall be legal for sport fishermen holding a valid sport fishing license to take all species of suckers during any hour of the day or night by the use of gill or trammel nets with a mesh of one inch (1") or more measured from knot to knot (stretch of two inches) in the public waters of Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike Counties during the months of February, March, and April, provided such nets are marked with buoys or floats visible above the waterline on which the owner's sport fishing license number is listed. Such nets may not be used for taking of suckers or any other fish in the following rivers and impoundments thereof located in the above counties: Conecuh River, Chattahoochee River, Choctawhatchee River, Patsaliga River, Pea River, Sepulga River, and Yellow River. Suckers taken under the provisions of this regulation are for personal use only and may not be sold, traded or bartered.

#### **220-2-.39    Legal Methods of Taking Minnows and Shad for Bait and Mullet in Freshwater**

It is hereby made lawful to take minnows and shad by the use of a cast net, minnow jug, minnow basket, not to exceed 24 inches in length, 12 inches in diameter, with funnel entrance not more than one inch in diameter, dip net or seine, commonly known as a minnow seine, the length of which shall not exceed 25 feet and the width or depth of which shall not exceed 4 feet for the purpose of taking shad or minnows for the exclusive use as fish bait. The use of any seine of larger proportions than herein provided is illegal, and the possession of a seine of larger proportions than herein provided in any public freshwater or on the bank of any such waters shall be prima facie evidence that such net is being used illegally. It is further made lawful to take mullet by cast net in freshwater. The daily creel and possession limit for mullet taken with a cast net will be the same as permitted under Marine Resources Regulation 220-3-.03. All game fish and all commercial or non-game fish, except mullet, as listed under Rules 220-2-.34 and 220-2-.45 taken by nets or seines as allowed under this regulation shall be immediately returned to the water from whence they came with the least possible injury.

#### **220-2-.40    Taking Fish in Waterfowl Management Areas**

Whenever the Director of the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall announce in writing that a waterfowl feeding pond or lake located on any wildlife management area operated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is to be drained or pumped dry, resulting in the

death of fish located in any such pond or lake, such fish of any species may be taken, or attempt to be taken, in any number regardless of creel limits by any holder of a valid fishing license by the use of hands, nets, seines, gigs, spears, or snatch hooks. Such fish shall not be taken by the use of explosives, poison, or firearms of any type or description. Only those holders of a valid commercial fishing license may sell commercial or non-game fish except catfish. The sale or barter of any game fish or catfish of any species taken by anyone from any area covered under this regulation is hereby prohibited. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed or interpreted to legalize any type fishing equipment for the taking of fish under any circumstances other than those outlined in this regulation. Provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to the Swan Creek Management Area in Limestone County.

It shall be unlawful to take fish for commercial purposes and/or to use commercial fishing gear within any dewatering unit within the state during waterfowl season.

**NOTE:** It is the intent of this regulation to salvage fish which would otherwise be wasted.

**220-2-.41 Trolling in Certain Areas Prohibited During Duck Hunting Season**

No person shall fish by trolling from any boat, skiff or other floating device propelled or drawn by any inboard or outboard motor during the legal duck hunting season in the following bodies of water:

- Chuckfey Bay
- Polecat Bay
- Bay Delvan
- Choccolata Bay
- Little Bateau
- Gustang Bay
- Big Bateau
- Bay Grass
- Bay Minette Basin
- Bay Minette Bay
- Grand Bay
- Little Bay John
- Big Bay John
- John's Bend
- D'Olive Bay

**220-2-.42 Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and Marine Resources  
Division Jurisdictional Lines for Certain Fishing Licenses and  
Operations; Use and Possession of Certain Nets**

(1) For the purposes of the freshwater fishing licensing requirements of Sections 9-11-53, 53.4, 55, and 56, Code of Alabama 1975, said licenses shall be applicable to such activities as provided for therein which occur north of the below-described line, as well as below said line in those ponds or lakes containing freshwater fish. For the purposes of the saltwater fishing licensing requirements of Sections 9-11-53.1, 53.5, and 55.2, Code of Alabama 1975, said licenses shall be applicable to such activities as provided for therein which occur south of the below-described line. The line is described as follows:

Beginning at the Mississippi State line, a meandering line following U.S. Highway 90 eastwardly to its junction with State Highway 188; State Highway 188 eastwardly to its



junction with State Highway 193; State Highway 193 northwardly to its junction with State Highway 163; State Highway 163 northwardly to its intersection with Interstate Highway 10 (except all of the Theodore Industrial Canal); Interstate Highway 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) to Interstate Highway 10's intersection with U.S. Highway 98; U.S. Highway 98 southwardly and eastwardly to its intersection with State Highway 59; State Highway 59 southwardly to its intersection with Baldwin County Highway 20; Baldwin County Highway 20 eastwardly to its intersection with Baldwin County Highway 95; Baldwin County Highway 95 northwardly to its intersection with U.S. Highway 98; U.S. Highway 98 eastwardly to its intersection with the western shore of Perdido Bay; then the western shore of Perdido Bay northwardly to the intersection of the Florida State Line and the mouth of the Perdido River.

(2)(a) All commercial fishing operations, as well as recreational netting operations, and all gear used in any of such operations, in state jurisdictional waters north of Interstate 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) shall be subject to those laws, rules and regulations of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Provided further, it shall be unlawful to use any net (other than hoop and fyke nets) with mesh size of less than three inches (3") knot to knot with a stretch or spread of less than six inches (6") in the public impounded waters and navigable streams in the state of Alabama north of the line described in this paragraph except as provided for in other regulations or laws of this state.

(2)(b) All commercial fishing operations, as well as recreational netting operations, and all gear used in any of such operations, in state jurisdictional waters south of Interstate 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) shall be subject to those laws, rules, and regulations of the Marine Resources Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, however, from September 1 to December 31, it shall be unlawful to possess a gill net, trammel net, or other entangling net aboard a boat in the Mobile Delta south of L&N Railroad and north of a line running two hundred fifty (250) yards north of and parallel to Highway 90 (Battleship Parkway).

(4) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, however, it shall be lawful for any person (provided such person complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations) to take, catch, or possess commercial or non-game fish as defined in the laws of Alabama or regulations of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners, and means:

(a) From January 1 to September 1, in Grass Bay, Chuckfey Bay, Choccolata Bay, Gustang Bay, Big Bay John, Bay Minette Basin and Bay, Little Bay John, Big Bay Bateau, Little Bay Bateau, and John's Bend, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, by the use of nets with a mesh size of not less than three inches (3") knot to knot with a stretch or spread of not less than six inches (6"). These nets shall be constantly attended.

(b) From January 1 to May 31, in Grand Bay, Polecat Bay, and Bay Delvan, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, by the use of nets with a mesh size of not less than one and three-eighths (1-3/8) inches knot to knot; provided that any person in these areas possessing, using, or attempting to use, a gill net with a mesh size less than three inches (3") knot to knot is required to be licensed and permitted under 9-11-141, 9-11-142, and 9-12-113, and shall have such licenses and permit in possession.

These nets shall be constantly attended.

(5) Rule 220-2-.42, as previously promulgated, is hereby expressly repealed in its entirety.

(6) Violations of the provisions of paragraphs (2)(a), (3) and (4) shall be punished as provided by Section 9-11-156, Code of Alabama 1975 or as otherwise provided by law.

**220-2-.43 Unlawful to Willfully Waste Paddlefish**

No person shall take paddlefish from the public waters of this state, remove the roe and willfully waste the remainder of this fish.

**220-2-.129 Public Water Stocking**

It shall be unlawful to intentionally stock or release any fish, mussel, snail, crayfish or their embryos including bait fish into the public waters of Alabama under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided in Rule 220-2-.42 except those waters from which it came without the written permission of a designated employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized by the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to issue such permit. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the incidental release of bait into the water during the normal process of fishing.

**220-2-.44 Prohibited Methods of Taking Fish**

It shall be unlawful:

(1) to drag any hoop net, fyke net, gill net, trammel net or seine, except a legal minnow seine, through any public waters of this State;

(2) to take or attempt to take, catch or kill any species of fish from public waters by the use of any firearms;

(3) to take or attempt to take, catch or kill any species of fish from the public waters by use of any seine, except minnow seine, wire basket, cast net, or any stationary fish trap except as otherwise provided by law;

(4) to take or attempt to take, catch, or kill any species of fish by means of any trotlines, set lines, snag lines, commercial fishing net, slat box, or wire basket within one-half mile below any lock, dam, or power house on any public water of this State;

(5) to remove or attempt to remove fish from any hoop net, gill net, fyke net, trammel net, slat trap or slat basket, or to move, set or reset any of the said fishing gear listed in this regulation between the hours of sunset and sunrise;

(6) to fish or attempt to fish in any of the public waters of this State on or from the posted lands of another without first obtaining the permission of the landowner or his agent;

(7) to fish a slat box or basket without having a metal tag permanently affixed thereto stating thereon the name, address, and license number of the licensee operating and using each slat box.

**[NOTE:** Act 95-214 requires a Social Security number or tax identification number in lieu of the license number.]

(8) to fish a trotline or snagline unless the end or ends of such line within twenty-five feet of the bank shall be made up of at least six feet of untreated cotton and such

line shall be attached to the bank or anchors with said untreated cotton line only. Further that all other anchors within twenty-five feet of the bank shall be attached to said line only with untreated cotton line. And further that any set line or bush hook left unattended for 48 hours may be removed by Game and Fish Division personnel and destroyed.

(9) To filet a fish while fishing, or to possess filets of fish while on public waters except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption; provided however, that fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.

**220-2-.94 Prohibition of Taking or Possessing Paddlefish (Spoonbill)**

It shall be illegal to take or attempt to take paddlefish (spoonbill) from all public waters of Alabama by any method or to possess paddlefish (spoonbill) or any part of a paddlefish (spoonbill). Any paddlefish (spoonbill) accidentally captured shall be immediately returned to the waters from whence it came. This regulation does not apply to commercially packaged paddlefish (spoonbill) products imported from out-of-state or to paddlefish (spoonbill) cultured at hatchery operations or grow out ponds permitted through the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**220-2-.45 Commercial or Non-game Fish Designated**

The following shall be designated as commercial or non-game fish: Drum, Buffalo, Carp, Channel Catfish, all members of the Catfish family, Paddlefish (Spoonbill), Spotted Sucker, all members of the Sucker family including the species known as Red Horse and Black Horse, Bowfin and all members of the Gar family, and mullet taken or attempted to be taken north of the line specified in paragraph (1) of 220-2-.42 subject to the exception provided in paragraph (3) thereof.

**220-2-.46 Legal Methods and Equipment for the Taking of Commercial or Non-Game Fish**

The following is hereby designated as legal fishing equipment and methods for the taking of commercial or non-game fish in the fresh waters of this State. Any other equipment or methods used in the taking of commercial or non-game fish is a violation of this regulation.

(1) By Licensed Sport Fishermen - Day or Night

- (a) Rod and Reel
- (b) Hook and Line
- (c) Trot Line
- (d) Set Line
- (e) Snag Line or Snare Line
- (f) Bowfishing

1. General

(i) With the exception of sturgeon or other species protected by law or regulation, it shall be legal for licensed sport fishermen to take any of the following fish at any time by bowfishing: (a) Shad, (b) White Amur, (c) Shark, (d) Mullet, or (e) Any fish designated as commercial or non-game, provided however, that only 2 alligator gar per person per day may be taken.

(ii) It shall be illegal to take any other fresh water fish at any time by bowfishing.

(iii) It shall be legal to have both bowfishing equipment and normal fishing equipment in possession while either bowfishing or fishing.

## 2. Bowfishing Equipment

(i) Any longbow, straight or recurve, or compound bow may be used for bowfishing (no crossbows, except as otherwise provided by Rule 220-2-.99).

(ii) All arrows in possession while bowfishing shall be of solid fiberglass or solid metal construction (as opposed to hollow shaft construction).

(iii) Barbed bowfishing heads shall be used that do not have sharpened cutting surfaces, and are of a design such that the barbs may be reversed or removed to permit removal of the arrow from the fish, except as noted in the section on special exceptions.

(iv) A bowfishing line shall be used having a minimum breaking strength of forty (40) pounds, and shall be a minimum of forty (40) feet in length.

(v) One end of the bowfishing line shall be attached to the arrow being used, and the other end of the line shall be attached to the bow or some type of reel which is attached to the bow, except as noted in the section on special exceptions.

(vi) Lights may be used for night bowfishing, except as noted in the section on special exceptions.

## 3. Special Exceptions

(i) Special exceptions to bowfishing equipment regulations shall apply only while bowfishing in the coastal areas, bays, or rivers of Mobile and Baldwin Counties. These exceptions do not apply to non-tidal lakes or ponds in those counties.

(ii) The end of the bowfishing line which is not attached to the arrow may be attached to a separate fishing rod and reel, or to some type of float of sufficient size to allow tracking of a fish shot and/or recovery of line and arrow.

(iii) Barbed heads with sharpened cutting surfaces may be used to shoot gars and sharks.

(iv) Once a gar or shark has been shot and is attached to a bowfishing line, arrows with unbarbed, sharpened heads may be used to kill the fish. These arrows do not have to be attached to a bowfishing line, but they still have to be of solid fiberglass or solid metal construction.

(v) The use of lights for night bowfishing while in possession of sharpened heads, barbed or unbarbed, shall only be permitted from a boat.

(g) Spear or Similar Instruments (underwater) by Special License

(h) Gigs or Grabbling

(i) It shall be unlawful to set and leave unattended in the public waters of the State of Alabama for more than seven consecutive days all fishing gear provided, however, that any set line or bush hook left unattended for 48 hours may be removed by Game and Fish Division personnel and destroyed.

(2) By Licensed Commercial Fishermen

- (a) Trot Line
- (b) Snag Line
- (c) Set Line

(d) Hoop and Fyke Nets the mesh of which is not less than 1 1/4 inches from knot to knot with a stretch or spread of not less than 2 1/2 inches after said net has been tarred and/or shrunk.

(e) Gill and Trammel Nets the mesh of which is not less than 3 inches knot to knot with a stretch or spread of not less than 6 inches after net has been shrunk.

(f) Slat Trap or Slat Basket made entirely of wood or plastic strips or slats in a boxlike or cylinder shape. At least 18 inches of the slat trap opposite the muzzle, including the end, shall be constructed with wood or plastic slats or strips of a width not greater than 3 inches running lengthwise or vertically of the trap and with a space between strips or slats of not less than one and one-eighth inches (1 1/8"), and provided further that any restrictions (which must be wood or plastic) between muzzle and back of trap or basket contain an opening of at least two (2) inches square to permit free passage of fish within said box or basket.

Provided further it shall be legal to use a trap made of round solid plastic, provided at least eighteen inches of the trap opposite the muzzle, including the end, shall have parallel openings a minimum of 1 1/8 inches wide running lengthwise or vertically of the trap. There shall be a maximum of three inches of solid material between the 1 1/8 inch parallel openings. The muzzle of such trap shall be constructed of netting with a mesh of at least 1 1/4 inches knot to knot with a stretch of 2 1/2 inches. Only a single muzzle may be used and the muzzle shall be attached to the trap with 100% cotton material only. There shall be a minimum opening of two inches square between the muzzle and the back of the fish trap. Any round plastic trap not conforming to these guidelines shall be illegal.

(3) By Licensed Wire Basket Fishermen - Any person who possesses a valid wire basket license may fish such baskets under the provisions as set out by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 9-11-190 through Section 9-11-198.

(a) In the following counties a maximum of 4 wire baskets with a mesh of 1 inch or larger:

Autauga	Crenshaw	Marion	Washington	
Barbour	Dale	Monroe	Wilcox	
Bibb	Dallas	Perry		Butler
Escambia	Pickens			
Calhoun	Fayette	Pike		
Chambers	Franklin	Randolph		
Chilton	Greene	Russell		
Choctaw	Hale	St. Clair		
Clarke	Henry	Sumter		
Cleburne	Lamar	Talladega		
Coffee	Lee	Tallapoosa		
Coosa	Lowndes	Tuscaloosa		
Covington	Marengo	Walker	(except Lewis M. Smith Reservoir)	

(b) In Elmore County a maximum of 3 wire baskets with a mesh of 1 inch or larger may be fished provided that only 1 wire basket may be fished in Lake Jordan and only 2 wire baskets may be fished in Lake Martin. Wire baskets may not be used in any other areas of Elmore County except as listed above.

**220-2-.130 Prohibition of Commercial or Non-Game Fish Sales and Commercial Gear Use in Specific Advisory Areas**

(a) It shall be illegal to fish with the aid of commercial gear in any specific portion of the public waters of the State under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided in Rule 220-2-.42 where there has been a fish consumption advisory issued by the State Department of Public Health on any commercial or non-game fish species. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to persons taking fish pursuant to a valid permit issued pursuant to Section 9-11-231, Code of Alabama 1975.

(b) In addition, it shall be illegal to sell or offer for sale any fish taken from such waters regardless of the method by which the fish are taken.

**220-2-.70 Use of Wire Baskets in Jefferson County**

Any person properly licensed under the provisions of Act No. 83-482, Acts of Alabama, Regular Session, 1983, is hereby authorized to take, catch or kill non-game fish from the public waters of Jefferson County (except in municipal parks) by the use of wire baskets having a mesh of one (1) inch or larger. Persons are restricted to four (4) such licenses per person and are restricted to the use of four (4) wire baskets per person and the use of said baskets shall be governed strictly in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 83-482, Acts of Alabama, Regular Session 1983.

**220-2-.04L Wire Basket Fishing Regulation - Shelby County**

Any person who possesses a valid wire basket license may fish such baskets in Shelby County under the provisions as set out by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 9-11-190 through Section 9-11-198; provided, however, that such baskets shall have a wire mesh of two (2) inches.

This regulation shall become effective at 6:00 a.m. on the 36th day following filing of same with the Legislative Reference Service.

**220-2-.47 Commercial Fishing Restrictions**

(1) Areas Restricted to Use of Nets and/or Slat Boxes -

(a) Public Waters: It is hereby made illegal for any person to place any gill net, trammel net, hoop net or fyke net in the public waters of this State, in such a way that it extends more than half way across any river, creek, stream, slough or bayou and no net shall be placed closer than 50 feet to any other net.

(b) Public Impounded Waters: It is hereby made illegal for any person to place any gill net, trammel net, hoop net, fyke net or slat box closer than 25 feet from the water's edge in any public impounded water of this State, and provided further that on the Tennessee River, or its impoundments no person shall place a net closer than 100 feet from the water's edge and no person shall place any net or slat box within 300 feet above or below any tributary of the Tennessee River.

(c) It shall be unlawful to use nets of any type for fishing purposes in all impounded public waters and tributaries thereto of Alabama in which Morone saxatilis, commonly known as saltwater striped bass, have been stocked. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed so as to preclude the lawful use of set lines, trot lines, or snag lines for the taking, killing or catching of commercial or non-game fish from said waters. The following lakes have been stocked: Lake Martin, Lake Jordan, Lake Mitchell, Lay Lake, Jones Bluff (name changed to R. E. "Bob" Woodruff Lake), Logan

Martin, Neeley Henry and Weiss Lake. (These bodies of water were stocked prior to the original enactment of this regulation dated December 12, 1972.)

(d) It shall be unlawful to use nets of any type for commercial fishing purposes in all public impounded waters of Alabama having 3,000 or less surface acres. A list of these lakes is as follows:

<b><u>IMPOUNDMENT</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY</u></b>
Gantt	Covington
Point A	Covington
Oliver	Tuscaloosa
Inland	Blount
Thurlow	Elmore, Tallapoosa
Yates	Elmore, Tallapoosa
Opelika City Lake	Lee
Purdy	Shelby, Jefferson
Tholocco	Dale
Oliver	Russell
Goat Rock	Lee
Columbia	Houston
Little Bear Creek	Franklin
Upper Bear Creek	Marion, Franklin, Winston
Bear Creek	Franklin

(2) It shall be unlawful to set and leave unattended in the public fresh waters of the State of Alabama for more than seven (7) consecutive days all fishing gear, including but not limited to, trot, snag and snare lines, hoop, fyke, gill and trammel nets, and slat traps and/or baskets; provided however, that any set line or bush hook left unattended for 48 hours may be removed by Game and Fish Division personnel and destroyed.

(3) It shall be unlawful to use nets of any type for commercial fishing purposes in the area of Wheeler Wildlife Refuge between Interstate 65 and U. S. Highway 31 and in the area of Limestone Bay, during the period of October 15 through February 15 of each year.

#### **220-2-.48 Legal Methods and Equipment for Taking of Freshwater Mussels**

The following is hereby designated as legal fishing equipment and methods for taking of freshwater mussels or other freshwater bivalved mollusca in the freshwaters of this State. Any other equipment or methods used in the taking of freshwater mussels or other mollusca is in violation of this regulation.

(1) By use of brails with hooks and constructed of wire 14 gauge or larger and with prongs not longer than 2 inches from the tip of point to point where prongs are wrapped or joined.

(2) By hand and/or with the use of diving equipment.

(3) By the use of a shell bar with a limit of six (6) feet in length.

(4) Licensed fishermen may use a rake or dip net no wider than 24 inches to collect Asiatic clam Corbicula for fish bait. Harvest of any other species of freshwater bivalved mollusca with such equipment or sale of Corbicula harvested with such equipment will be a violation of this regulation.

#### **220-2-.49 Size Restrictions on Freshwater Mussels or Their Shells**

It is hereby made illegal for any person or persons to take, catch, kill, buy, possess

or transport for commercial purposes freshwater mussels or any type of freshwater bivalved mollusca listed below or the shells of such mussels or bivalved mollusca, less than the following sizes in diameter:

- Washboard (*Megalonaias nervosa*) ..... 4 inches
- Threeridge (*Amblema plicata*) ..... 2 5/8 inches
- Pistol Grip (*Tritogonia verrucosa*) ..... 2 5/8 inches
- River Pigtoe (*Pleurobema cordatum*) ..... 2 3/8 inches
- Elephant Ear (*Elliptio crassidens*)..... 2 5/8 inches
- Mapleleaf (*Quadrula quadrula*)..... 2 5/8 inches
- Butterfly (*Ellipsaria lineolata*) ..... 2 3/8 inches
- Monkeyface (*Quadrula metanevra*)..... 2 3/8 inches
- Ebony Shell (*Fusconaia ebenus*) ..... 2 3/8 inches
- Lake Pigtoe (*Fusconaia flava*)..... 2 5/8 inches
- White Wartyback (*Quadrula nodulata*) ..... 2 5/8 inches
- Pink Heel Splitter (*Potamilus alatus*) ..... 4 inches
- Three Horn (*Obliquaria reflexa*) ..... 1 3/4 inches;

with the exception of Asiatic clam *Corbicula* harvested from below the full pool elevation of impounded waters. All mussels or their shells less than the legal diameter must be immediately released and placed back in the waters from whence they came with the least possible injury. Mussels or their shells shall be measured from their dorsal to ventral surfaces by passing or attempting to pass the mussel or mussel shell by the weight of the mussel or mussel shell through a ring of the appropriate inside diameter. There shall be no allowance for undersize mussels or their shells.

**220-2-.103 Waters Open to the Taking of Freshwater Mussels for Commercial Purposes**

Unless specifically prohibited otherwise, the following waters shall be open to the otherwise legal taking of freshwater mussels for commercial purposes:

- (1) Coosa River from Jordan Dam upstream to the Alabama-Georgia State line.
- (2) Alabama River from the mouth to the confluence of Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers with the exception of the Cahaba River.
- (3) Tombigbee River from mouth to U. S. Interstate 59.
- (4) Black Warrior River from mouth to U. S. Interstate 59.
- (5) Tennessee River and its impoundments with the exception of restricted areas.

It shall be unlawful to take freshwater mussels for commercial purposes from any other waters of the State of Alabama.

**220-2-.104 Legal Species of Freshwater Mussels to be Taken for Commercial Purposes**

The following species shall be the only species of freshwater mussels permitted to be legally taken for commercial purposes in the State of Alabama:

- Washboard (*Megalonaias nervosa*)
- Threeridge (*Amblema plicata*)
- Pistol Grip (*Tritogonia verrucosa*)
- River Pigtoe (*Pleurobema cordatum*)



- Elephant Ear (Elliptio crassidens)
- Mapleleaf (Quadrula quadrula)
- Butterfly (Ellipsaria lineolata)
- Monkeyface (Quadrula metanevra)
- Ebony Shell (Fusconaia ebenus)
- Lake Pigtoe (Fusconaia flava)
- White Wartyback (Quadrula nodulata)
- Pink Heel Splitter (Potamilus alatus)
- Three Horn (Obliquaria reflexa)

It shall be unlawful to take any other species of freshwater mussel for commercial purposes in the State of Alabama.

#### **220-2-.106 Mussel Fishing Seasons**

The season for legal mussel fishing is open year-round except during the prescribed waterfowl hunting season, Swan Creek, Crow Creek, Mud Creek, and Raccoon Creek Wildlife Management Areas shall be closed. The area of the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge between Interstate 65 and U.S. Highway 31 and the area of Limestone Bay shall be closed to mussel harvest during the period of October 15 through February 15 of each year. Mussel fishing in the fresh waters of this State shall be restricted to five (5) days each week (Monday through Friday) and shall be closed on all federal holidays.

#### **220-2-.50 Harvest of Freshwater Mussels Restricted to Daylight Hours Only**

It shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill, or to attempt to take, catch or kill mussels from freshwater between the hours of sunset and sunrise (nighttime).

#### **220-2-.51 Harvest of Freshwater Mussels for Commercial Purposes in all Open Areas Restricted to Five Days a Week**

Mussel fishing for commercial purposes in the freshwaters of this State in all open areas shall be restricted to five days each week (Monday through Friday), unless specifically provided otherwise by law or regulation.

#### **220-2-.52 Restricted Areas for the Taking of Freshwater Mussels**

It shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill, or attempt to take, catch, or kill mussels in the following areas:

- (1) Wheeler Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Gunterville Dam downstream to the mouth of Shoal Creek (approximately 347 miles above the mouth of the Tennessee River).
- (2) Wheeler Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from the upstream end or head of Hobbs Island downstream to Whitesburg Bridge.
- (3) Pickwick Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Wilson Dam downstream to the upper end or head of Seven Mile Island.
- (4) Wilson Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Wheeler Dam downstream to the mouth of Town Creek on the South Bank and the mouth of Bluewater Creek on the north bank.
- (5) The Cahaba River.

#### **220-2-.53 Mussel Buyers Required to Report**

Standardized receipts must be completed by all resident and non-resident mussel

buyers for all mussels purchased in the state of Alabama, including mussels originating from waters outside of the state of Alabama. The receipts shall be completed at the time of transaction and include the signature of the buyer. A copy of the receipt shall be issued to the mussel catcher at the time of transaction. Each receipt must be complete and legible, and include the following and any other information specified by the Commissioner: (1) buyer's license number; (2) mussel catcher's license number; (3) mussel catcher's name; (4) date of transaction; (5) body of water from which the mussels originated (in the form of numerical codes provided by the Department); (6) species taken (in the form of alphabetical codes provided by the Department); (7) pounds of each species purchased; (8) total pounds of mussels purchased; and (9) amount paid for the mussels. The same standardized receipts shall be used whether the shells originated from the waters of Alabama or another state.

All mussels imported into the state of Alabama by a person, firm or corporation shall be accompanied by a bill of lading which provides the following information: (1) name of person, firm or corporation importing the mussels; (2) name(s) of person, firm or corporation that sold the mussels being imported; (3) date of shipment of mussels being imported; (4) weight of mussels by species; (5) origin of shipment; and (6) destination of shipment. A copy of the bill of lading shall remain with the importing person, firm or corporation and made available to authorized Department employees at any reasonable time.

Each person who purchases mussels shall at the time of any purchase have proof on his person of possession of a current mussel buyer's license.

Rule 220-2-.53, as previously promulgated, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

#### **220-2-.54 Hunting Dates, Etc. on State Wildlife Management Areas**

It shall be legal to hunt and/or trap certain birds and animals within the dates, areas and under the conditions promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

#### **220-2-.124 Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Regulation**

For purposes of enforcement of Sections 9-20-1 through 9-20-7, Code of Alabama 1975, enacted by Act No. 95-767, as the "Alabama Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Control Act", the following list of all nonindigenous aquatic plants which are prohibited by Section 9-20-3 from being introduced or placed or caused to be introduced or placed into public waters of the state is established:

##### **COMMON NAME**

##### **SCIENTIFIC NAME**

- |                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • African elodea         | <i>Lagarosiphon spp</i>            |
| • alligatorweed          | <i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i> |
| • Brazilian elodea       | <i>Egeria densa</i>                |
| • curlyleaf pondweed     | <i>Potamogeton crispus</i>         |
| • Eurasian watermilfoil  | <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>       |
| • floating waterhyacinth | <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>        |
| • giant salvinia         | <i>Salvinia molesta</i>            |
| • hydrilla               | <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>       |
| • hygrophylla            | <i>Hygrophylla polysperma</i>      |
| • limnophila             | <i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>     |
| • parrot-feather         | <i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>      |
| • purple loosestrife     | <i>Lythrum salicaria</i>           |

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • rooted waterhyacinth | <i>Eichhornia azurea</i>  |
| • spinyleaf naiad      | <i>Najas minor</i>        |
| • water-aloe           | <i>Stratiotes aloides</i> |
| • water-lettuce        | <i>Pistia stratiotes</i>  |
| • water chestnut       | <i>Trapa natans</i>       |
| • water spinach        | <i>Ipomea aquatica</i>    |

#### **220-2-.57 Daily Creel Limits - U.S. Forest Service Lands**

Effective immediately, the following creel limits shall exist for Open, Buck, Ditch and Otter Ponds, located on U. S. Forest Service lands in Covington County:

A daily creel limit of 20 bream, 2 bass, 5 catfish per person, the limits representing aggregate totals from any or all of the four ponds.

#### **220-2-.60 Airboat Regulation**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use an airboat on any of the public waters of this State that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide of at least two (2) inches, between November 15th of each year and the end of the waterfowl season in the area of operation.

(2) The prohibition prescribed in Paragraph (1) above shall not apply to the use of airboats by State or Federal game wardens, state aquatic plant management personnel acting in their official capacity nor by oil and gas exploration crews.

#### **220-2-.61 Creel, Possession and Size Limits for Federally Owned and Managed Ponds and Lakes**

The daily creel, possession and size limits for game fish and catfish in Federally owned and managed ponds and fishing lakes in the State of Alabama shall be as posted at each pond or lake. Creel, possession and size limits for fish not posted shall be the same as otherwise provided for all public waters of this State.

#### **220-2-.92 Nongame Species Regulation**

(1) It shall be unlawful to take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill; possess, sell, trade for anything of monetary value, or offer to sell or trade for anything of monetary value, the following nongame wildlife species (or any parts or reproductive products of such species) without a scientific collection permit or written permit from the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall specifically state what the permittee may do with regard to said species:

##### **(a) FISHES**

##### **Common Name**

##### **Scientific Name**

- |                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Cavefish, Alabama  | <i>Speoplatyrhinus poulsoni</i>  |
| • Cavefish, Southern | <i>Typhlichthys subterraneus</i> |
| • Chub, Spotfin      | <i>Cyprinella monacha</i>        |
| • Darter, Boulder    | <i>Etheostoma wapiti</i>         |
| • Darter, Coldwater  | <i>Etheostoma ditrema</i>        |
| • Darter, Crystal    | <i>Crystallaria asprella</i>     |
| • Darter, Goldline   | <i>Percina aurolineata</i>       |
| • Darter, Holiday    | <i>Etheostoma brevirostrum</i>   |
| • Darter, Lollipop   | <i>Etheostoma neopterum</i>      |

- Darter, Slackwater
- Darter, Snail
- Darter, Tuscumbia
- Darter, Vermilion
- Darter, Watercress
- Madtom, Frecklebelly
- Sculpin, Pygmy
- Shad, Alabama
- Shiner, Blue
- Shiner, Cahaba
- Shiner, Palezone
- Sunfish, Spring Pygmy
- Sturgeon, Alabama
- Sturgeon, Gulf

*Etheostoma boschungii*  
*Percina tanasi*  
*Etheostoma tuscumbia*  
*Etheostoma chermocki*  
*Etheostoma nuchale*  
*Noturus munitus*  
*Cottus paulus*  
*Alosa alabamiae*  
*Cyprinella caerulea*  
*Notropis cahabae*  
*Notropis albizonatus*  
*Elassoma alabamiae*  
*Scaphirynchus suttkusi*  
*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*

(b) **AMPHIBIANS**

**Common Name**

- Frog, Dusky Gopher
- Hellbender, Eastern
- Salamander, Flatwoods
- Salamander, Green
- Salamander, Red Hills
- Salamander, Seal
- Salamander, Tennessee Cave
- Treefrog, Pine Barrens

**Scientific Name**

*Rana capito sevosa*  
*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*  
*alleganiensis*  
*Ambystoma cingulatum*  
*Aneides aeneus*  
*Phaeognathus hubrichti*  
*Desmognathus monticola* (of  
 Coastal Plain origin)  
*Gyrinophilus palleucus*  
*Hyla andersonii*

(c) **REPTILES**

**Common Name**

- Coachwhip, Eastern
- Sawback, Black-knobbed
- Snake, Black Pine
- Snake, Eastern Indigo
- Snake, Florida Pine
- Snake, Gulf Salt Marsh
- Snake, Southern Hognose
- Terrapin, Mississippi  
 Diamondback
- Tortoise, Gopher
- Turtle, Alabama Map
- Turtle, Alabama Red-bellied
- Turtle, Alligator Snapping
- Turtle, Barbour's Map
- Turtle, Escambia Bay Map

**Scientific Name**

*Masticophis flagellum flagellum*  
*Graptemys nigrinoda*  
*Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi*  
*Drymarchon corais couperi*  
*Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus*  
*Nerodia fasciata clarkii*  
*Heterodon simus*  
*Malaclemys terrapin pileata*  
*Gopherus polyphemus*  
*Graptemys pulchra*  
*Pseudemys alabamensis*  
*Macrolemys temminckii*  
*Graptemys barbouri*  
*Graptemys ernsti*

(d) **BIRDS**

**Common Name**

**Scientific Name**

• Crane, Mississippi Sandhill	<i>Grus canadensis pulla</i>
• Dove, Common Ground	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
• Eagle, Bald	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
• Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
• Egret, Reddish	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>
• Falcon, Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
• Hawk, Cooper's	<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>
• Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
• Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
• Oystercatcher, American	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>
• Pelican, American White	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
• Plover, Piping	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>
• Plover, Snowy	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
• Plover, Wilson's	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>
• Stork, Wood	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
• Tern, Gull-billed	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
• Warbler, Bachman's	<i>Vermivora bachmani</i>
• Woodpecker, Red-cockaded	<i>Picoides borealis</i>
• Wren, Bewick's	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>

(e) **MAMMALS**

<b><u>Common Name</u></b>	<b><u>Scientific Name</u></b>
• Bat, Gray Myotis	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>
• Bat, Indiana	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>
• Bat, Rafinesque's Big-eared	<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>
• Bat, Southeastern	<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>
• Gopher, Southeastern Pocket	<i>Geomys pinetis</i>
• Mouse, Alabama Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus</i> <i>ammobates</i>
• Mouse, Meadow Jumping	<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>
• Mouse, Perdido Key Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus</i> <i>trissylepsis</i>
• Weasel, Long-tailed	<i>Mustela frenata</i>

(f) Other State or Federally protected nongame species.

In addition any required federal permits for federally protected species must be obtained.

(2) It shall be unlawful to collect or offer for sale, sell, or trade for anything of value any box turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), box turtle part or reproductive product except by permit as outlined in paragraph (1).

(3) It shall be unlawful to collect, harvest, possess, offer for sale, sell or trade for anything of monetary value any common snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina serpentina*) or soft shell turtles (*Apalone ferox*, *Apalone muticus muticus*, *Apalone muticus calvatus*, *Apalone spiniferus spiniferus*, *Apalone spiniferus asper*) with a carapace length less than eight inches. (Except any species protected under this paragraph taken in a live trap by a pond owner or his agent while controlling nuisance animals is exempt but may not be sold or offered for sale or traded for anything of monetary value.)

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than ten (10) legally taken turtles per day on the public waters or banks of the public waters of this state.

(5) Informational Note: See Section 9-11-269, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to protection of the flattened musk turtle (*Sternotherus minor depressus*).

**220-2-.95 Alligator Nuisance Control Hunter Regulations**

**NOTE:** One part of this regulation generally prohibits the feeding or enticement with feed, of any wild American alligator. For other provisions and the full text of the regulation, write to address\* below.

**220-2-.96 Alligator Farming Regulations**

For further information, write to address\* below:

\*Game and Fish Division  
Law Enforcement Section  
64 North Union Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

**220-2-.97 Alligator Protection Regulation**

Except to the extent otherwise provided by Act No. 89-874, H. 17, 1989 Regular Session, Rule 220-2-.95, Rule 220-2-.96, or any other law or regulation enacted or adopted by the Alabama Legislature or Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, it shall be unlawful to possess, take, capture, or kill, or attempt to possess, take, capture, or kill, any alligator, or the skins, meat, eggs, or parts thereof.

**220-2-.98 Invertebrate Species Regulation**

(1) It shall be unlawful to take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill; possess, sell, trade for anything of monetary value, or offer to sell or trade for anything of monetary value, the following invertebrate species (or any parts or reproductive products of such species) without a scientific collection permit or written permit from the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall specifically state what the permittee may do with regard to said species:

(a) <b><u>Common Name</u></b>	<b><u>Scientific Name</u></b>
• Alabama cave shrimp	<i>Palaemonias alabamae</i>
• Alabama lamp pearly mussel	<i>Lampsilis virescens</i>
• Alabama moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus acutissimus</i>
• Alabama pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera marrianae</i>
• American burying beetle	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>
• Anthony's riversnail	<i>Atheurnia anthonyi</i>
• Armored marstonia	<i>Pyrgulopsis pachyta</i>
• Black clubshell	<i>Pleurobema curtum</i>
• Chipola slabshell	<i>Elliptio chipolaensis</i>
• Choctaw bean	<i>Villosa choctawensis</i>
• Clubshell	<i>Pleurobema clava</i>
• Coosa moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus parvulus</i>
• Cracking pearly mussel	<i>Hemistena lata</i>
• Cumberland moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus conradicus</i>
• Cumberland monkeyface pearly mussel	<i>Quadrula intermedia</i>
• Cumberlandian combshell	<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>
• Cylindrical lioplax	<i>Lioplax cyclostomaformis</i>

• Dark pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema furvum</i>
• Dromedary pearly mussel	<i>Dromus dromas</i>
• Fanshell	<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>
• Fine-lined pocketbook	<i>Lampsilis altilis</i>
• Fine-rayed pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia cuneolus</i>
• Flat pebblesnail	<i>Lepyrium showalteri</i>
• Inflated heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus inflatus</i>
• Judge Tait's mussel	<i>Pleurobema taitianum</i>
• Lacy elimia	<i>Elimia crenatella</i>
• Little-wing pearly mussel	<i>Pegias fabula</i>
• Marshall's mussel	<i>Pleurobema marshalli</i>
• Moss pyrg	<i>Pyrgulopsis scalariformis</i>
• Narrow pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia escambia</i>
• Orange-footed pearly mussel	<i>Plethobasus cooperianus</i>
• Orange-nacre mucket	<i>Lampsilis perovalis</i>
• Oval pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>
• Ovate clubshell	<i>Pleurobema perovatum</i>
• Oyster mussel	<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>
• Painted rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis taeniata</i>
• Pale lilliput pearly mussel	<i>Toxolasma cylindrellus</i>
• Penitent mussel	<i>Epioblasma penita</i>
• Pink mucket pearly mussel	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>
• Plicate rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis plicata</i>
• Purple cat's paw pearly mussel	<i>Epioblasma obliquata obliquata</i>
• Pyramid pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema rubrum</i>
• Rabbitsfoot	<i>Quadrula cylindrica</i>
• Ring pink pearly mussel	<i>Obovaria retusa</i>
• Rough hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera foremani</i>
• Rough pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema plenum</i>
• Round pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema sintoxia</i>
• Round rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis ampla</i>
• Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphyus</i>
• Shiny pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia cor</i>
• Shiny-rayed pocketbook	<i>Lampsilis subangulata</i>
• Silt elimia	<i>Elimia haysiana</i>
• Slabside pearlymussel	<i>Lexingtonia dolabelloides</i>
• Slender campeloma	<i>Campeloma decampi</i>
• Slippershell mussel	<i>Alasmidonta viridis</i>
• Southern acornshell	<i>Epioblasma othcaloogensis</i>
• Southern clubshell	<i>Pleurobema decisum</i>
• Southern kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranhus jonesi</i>
• Southern pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema georgianum</i>
• Southern sandshell	<i>Lampsilis australis</i>
• Spectaclecase	<i>Cumberlandia monodonta</i>
• Spotted rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis picta</i>
• Stirrup shell	<i>Quadrula stapes</i>
• Triangular kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranhus greeni</i>
• Tubercled-blossom pearly mussel	<i>Epioblasma torulosa torulosa</i>
• Tulotoma snail	<i>Tulotoma magnifica</i>

- Turgid-blossom pearly mussel *Epioblasma turgidula*
- Upland combshell *Epioblasma metastrata*
- White wartyback pearly mussel *Plethobasus cicatricosus*
- Yellow-blossom pearly mussel *Epioblasma florentina florentina*

(b) Other State or Federally protected invertebrate species.

In addition any required federal permits for federally protected species must be obtained.

#### **220-2-.114 Normal Agricultural Planting and Hunting of Dove**

1. Top sowing of wheat is a recommended planting practice for establishing a cover crop in low-input management systems. This planting practice requires a well-prepared seedbed. A well prepared seedbed involves adequate tilling of the soil so that when the seeds are planted there will be good soil-to-seed contact and the soil is not excessively hard (i.e., it can easily be penetrated by the developing root of the germinating small grain seed). Growers should be aware that the risk associated with this planting practice is higher than with drilling or other methods that result in coverage of seed. Recommended practices of planting small grain without a prepared seedbed are: (1) no till drilling; (2) broadcasting small grains into the cotton stubble that remains after harvest followed by mowing the cotton stubble; (3) aerial seeding small grains into standing crops such as cotton or soybeans prior to defoliation or leaf drop.

2. It is recommended that small grain other than as outlined above be planted into a prepared seedbed by broadcasting or drilling and a bona fide attempt be made to cover seed by cultipacking, disking, raking, etc. Some incidental seed may remain on the surface following a bona fide covering attempt. All small grain planting should adhere to planting dates recommended in printed tables furnished by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The earliest planting dates for wheat are included by zone in this regulation. Recommended seeding rate for small grain is no more than 200 lbs./acre. Seeds should be uniformly distributed.

The planting zones for the State of Alabama are as follows:

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| North Zone Counties -   | Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Walker, Winston |
| Central Zone Counties - | Autauga, Bibb, Bullock, Chambers, Chilton, Coosa, Dallas, Elmore, Greene, Hale, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa   |
| South Zone Counties -   | Baldwin, Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Pike, Washington, Wilcox   |

The earliest recommended planting dates for wheat in the North, Central and South planting zones are as follows:

North Zone – August 25

Central Zone – September 1

South Zone – September 15



It will be illegal to hunt over wheat planted before these dates or outside of dates recommended in printed tables furnished by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Any small grain planting that does not conform with these guidelines shall be considered bait. Multiple seedings are not permitted under this regulation.

It is illegal to hunt dove on, over, or near any baited area until all bait is completely gone for 10 days.

#### **220-2-.109 Physically Disabled Hunting Areas**

(1) It shall be unlawful on any area designated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a "Physically Disabled Hunting Area":

(a) To violate any terms or conditions of his certificate of qualification, permit, or other authorization, for participation in any such hunts, including, but not limited to, the times, dates, locations, manners and means for hunting.

(b) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.

(c) To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or any firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as allowed by law for the species hunted.

(d) For any person to hunt without first presenting his required hunting licenses and authorization at the checking station.

(e) For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place.

(f) To camp in the area.

(g) To kill or wilfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to bobcat, coyote, or fox, which may be killed during all scheduled area hunts that occur during the dates of the gun deer and turkey seasons.

(h) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(i) To discharge firearms for target practice.

(j) To use fire to smoke out game.

(k) For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow.

(l) To transport deer killed from the area before being checked at the designated checking station.

(m) For any person except those authorized to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

(n) For any person to hunt deer or assist in said hunting, on days of scheduled hunts without wearing a vest containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.

(o) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(p) To damage or remove any trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.

(q) To hunt from an elevated platform.

(r) To hunt without first making a reservation for the particular hunt.

(s) To hunt more often at any area than is authorized. Failure to cancel a reservation at least 48 hours prior to the hunt date will be considered the same as if the individual hunted in determining when that person could reserve another hunt date.

(t) To hunt outside the area designated to the hunter for each hunt. At the time of check-in the hunter will receive, on a first come basis, a segment of the hunting area that will be his exclusive area for the day.

(2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled deer hunts for the physically disabled.

(a) Each participant must submit, on a Department form, an application to participate in such hunts. The application will include a doctor's statement certifying the physical disability. The Department will review the application and notify each participant if they are approved for such hunts.

(b) Each participant must provide any assistants that are required. Only the physically disabled individual will be eligible to hunt

(c) All license requirements and other rules, laws, and regulations, are in effect.

(d) Physical disability is defined as an individual that is permanently physically disabled by one or more of the following:

(1) Has a permanent physical disability, is unable to ambulate and requires a wheelchair, walker, one long leg brace or two short leg braces, external prosthesis below knee or above, two canes or two crutches for mobility.

(2) Has at least 80% permanent impairment of one hand or arm as determined by a physician using the standards outlined in the "Guide to Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Rating," published by the American Medical Association.

(3) Has a permanent physical disability for which they are considered "totally" disabled under guidelines established by the Veterans' Administration and/or the U.S. Social Security Administration.

#### **220-2-.110 Establishment of Physically Disabled Hunting Areas**

(1) The following areas are hereby designated and established as "Physically Disabled Hunting Areas":

(a) "Marengo Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.

(b) "Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch," as indicated on the attached map.

- (c) "R. L. Harris Management Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (d) "Fayette WMA for Disabled Hunting," as indicated on the attached map.
- (e) "Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (f) "Department of Youth Services Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (g) "Macon State Forest Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (h) "Little River State Forest Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (i) "Prairie Creek Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (j) "Mead – Alabama Power Co. Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (k) "USA Foundation Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (l) "Pine Hills Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (m) "Chattahoochee Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (2) Rule 220-2-.110, previously adopted in 95-GF-33, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

[For WMA maps, please contact the Wildlife Section at 334-242-3469.]

#### **220-2-.115 Snagging or Snatching Fish on the Tennessee River**

It shall be unlawful to take fish on the Tennessee River or its impoundments by pulling a single hook or group of hooks through the water (snagging or snatching), provided said hooks may be so used with bait and/or lures to entice fish to strike or bite such bait or lure. It shall further be unlawful to catch a fish on the Tennessee River or its impoundments by hooking the fish in any place other than the mouth or head. Any fish hooked other than in the mouth or head must immediately be returned to the water from where it came with the least possible harm.

#### **220-2-.73 The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program**

Section 1. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall administer a program entitled "The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program" to improve management of white-tailed deer through cooperative agreements with landowners and hunting clubs.

Section 2. Each prospective participant shall submit an application on a form to be supplied by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Each application must be accompanied by two copies of a map of the area to be included in the Deer Management Program that are of sufficient detail to allow the area's boundaries to be readily determined. Approval of the application shall be at the discretion of the

Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Each landowner/club approved shall be termed a "cooperator."

Section 3. Each cooperator shall designate a person with authority to represent all parties with a controlling interest in hunting activities on the land to serve as the cooperator's contact with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

Section 4. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall designate a Wildlife Biologist, knowledgeable in deer management, as the agency's contact with each cooperator.

Section 5. Cooperators must abide by all hunting laws and regulations. Failure to do so shall be cause to terminate participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Section 6. Each cooperator shall make a written statement of its deer management objectives. Those objectives must be within the capabilities of the harvest and management strategies that can be applied.

Section 7. Each cooperator shall collect specified biological information from deer harvested and submit the data to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as directed. Failure to do so shall be cause to terminate participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Section 8. Information concerning past harvest, existing conditions and deer management objectives will be considered in the development of a deer management and harvest strategy for each cooperator. Harvest of unantlered deer will be prescribed as appropriate.

Section 9. Harvest of unantlered deer outside the regular Hunter's Choice hunting season will be allowed only where appropriate to meet the deer management objectives of the cooperator. The number of unantlered deer to be taken, dates of harvest and bag limits will be designated and shall be by written permit as approved by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Director based on recommendations submitted by the Wildlife and Enforcement Sections. The regular Hunter's Choice hunting season shall not apply to the extent of its conflict with the provisions of said permits.

Section 10. Any person hunting on areas included in the Deer Management Program shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including those relating to the wearing of hunter orange.

Section 11. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall provide the cooperator a report based on the biological information submitted.

Section 12. Cooperators will be required to pay an annual user fee to help defray the cost of operating the Deer Management Assistance Program. The amount of the fee will be determined by multiplying the number of acres included in the Program by six cents and adding \$35.00 to the result. The fee will be increased by an additional \$65.00 for cooperators who operate a commercial hunting business charging \$25.00 or more per day for deer hunting privileges and/or accommodations used while deer hunting. Cooperators having available the technical expertise, computer hardware and computer software necessary to collect and analyze biological data as specified by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may apply for a waiver of the portion of the user fee based on acreage. The annual user fee will be increased \$50.00 for cooperators who fail to submit completed forms and materials required for participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program in accordance with schedules established by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Failure to pay the required user fee as

directed by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall be cause to terminate participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Section 13. The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

Section 14. This regulation shall become effective on the 36th day after filing with the Legislative Reference Service.

**220-2-.126 Etowah Public Shooting Range**

(1) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms on the Etowah Public Shooting Range except in accordance with the following rules. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or his designee. The range may be closed as necessary.

- (a) Range is open during daylight hours only (except by permit).
- (b) No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- (c) Any legal firearm and ammunition (except armor-piercing or tracer by permit only) may be used on target range.
- (d) Keep all firearms unloaded and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when not firing. Action on uncased guns shall be open when not on the firing line.
- (e) All persons are to remain behind the shooter while firing is taking place. No firing shall be allowed while anyone is down range.
- (f) All firearms [except as noted below in (g).] shall only be fired from designated stations on the concrete shooting line into the embankment at stationary paper targets. Targets must not be placed higher than 5' above ground level at the base of the embankment. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.
- (g) Shotguns with no. 4 shot or smaller may be fired at moving clay targets.
- (h) All used targets and other trash shall be placed in a garbage can, or removed from the AREA.

**220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama**

(1) It shall be unlawful on ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, COMMUNITY HUNTING AREAS, PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS, AND REFUGE AREAS, all of which are established as "wildlife management areas" by Rule 220-2-.22 and all of which are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to herein as "AREAS" or "AREA":

- (a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment from March 1 -August 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled AREA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
- (b) To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
- (c) To use dogs for small game hunting where dogs are expressly prohibited.
- (d) To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 1 until the opening of the following fall gun season.
- (e) For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any AREA unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
- (f) To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or any firearms, ammunition or

bow and arrow except as described below:

1. DEER: Stalk Hunts - Centerfire rifles that have been plugged or are otherwise incapable of holding more than 11 cartridges and using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition, shotguns using rifle slugs or single round balls, muzzle loading firearms .40 caliber or larger, or centerfire handguns with a minimum 4 inch barrel length using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition. All applicable laws regarding possessing and carrying handguns must be followed.
2. DEER: Stalk Hunting - Primitive Weapons Hunt -using only muzzle loading rifles, muzzle loading handguns, muzzle loading shotguns, or bow and arrow (except cross bow). Rifles, handguns, and shotguns to have fixed open metallic sights only - no scopes. Rifles and handguns to be .40 caliber or larger; shotguns to use single round balls only. Firearms must be incapable of holding more than one charge per barrel.
3. DEER: Stalk Hunting - Flintlock Hunt - using only muzzle loading Flintlock rifles or muzzle loading Flintlock shotguns (No Cap Locks). Rifles and shotguns to have fixed open metallic sights only - no scopes. Rifles to be .40 caliber or larger; shotguns to use single round balls only.
4. DEER: Dog Hunts - Shotguns using buckshot only.
5. TURKEY: Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller and bow and arrow.
6. DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE AND RAIL: Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller.
7. WATERFOWL: Shotguns using steel shot, T size or smaller. Waterfowl may also be hunted with other U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved shot and sizes.
8. QUAIL: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller.
9. SQUIRREL, CROW AND RABBIT: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms, muzzle loading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, or rifles operated by air.
10. RACCOON AND OPOSSUM - Daylight hours: shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller or .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms only; nighttime hours: must conform to state laws and regulations.
11. BOW AND ARROW will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts, except flintlock hunts; provided, however, that crossbows are prohibited except as otherwise provided by law or regulation. Broadhead points will be legal only during scheduled deer and turkey hunts other than flintlock hunts. All archery equipment used during the bow fishing season of March 1 - August 31 must conform to the provisions of Rule 220-2-.46, relating to bow fishing.
12. TRAPPING: Standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms (no magnums) only, during daylight hours only - except where expressly forbidden.

(g) For any person to hunt deer with gun without first presenting his required hunting licenses at the checking station except on Demopolis, St. Clair, West Jefferson, W. L. Holland-Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Upper Delta AREAS.

(h) For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle with ammunition in the

magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place.

(i) For hunters on dog deer hunts to leave stand assigned to them until instructed.

(j) To camp on any AREA except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in site designated for generator use. On AREAS located on U. S. Forest Service lands, this camping restriction applies October 1 - January 31, except on Choccolocco AREA, where the camping restriction shall also be in effect from October 1 through April 30 of each year. Individuals or groups may camp on AREAS for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.

(k) To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to bobcat, coyote, fox, or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled AREA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only. Only one (1) fox per day may be harvested.

(l) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(m) To discharge firearms for target practice provided, however that this regulation shall not apply to the designated target range on Barbour, Black Warrior, Cahaba River, Choccolocco, Coosa, Freedom Hills, Sam R. Murphy, James D. Martin - Skyline and Swan Creek AREAS. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the AREA manager. The range may be closed as necessary by the AREA manager.

1. Range is open during daylight hours only (except by permit).
2. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
3. Any legal firearm and ammunition (except armor-piercing or tracer by permit only) may be used on target range.
4. Keep all firearms unloaded and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when not firing. Action on uncased guns shall be open when not on the firing line.
5. All persons are to remain behind the shooter while firing is taking place. No firing shall be allowed while anyone is down range.
6. All firearms (except as noted below in #7.) shall only be fired from designated stations on the concrete shooting line into the embankment at stationary paper targets. Targets must not be placed higher than 5' above ground level at the base of the embankment. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.
7. Shotguns with no. 4 shot or smaller may be fired at moving clay targets.
8. All used targets and other trash shall be placed in a garbage can, or removed from the AREA.

(n) To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.

(o) To use fire to smoke out game.

(p) For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow, except on days of either sex gun deer hunts.

(q) To transport deer killed during gun hunts from any AREA before being checked at the designated checking stations for scientific data, except on Demopolis, St. Clair, W. L.

Holland - Mobile-Tensaw Delta, West Jefferson and Upper Delta AREAS.

(r) For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

(s) For any unauthorized person at any time to operate a motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, or any motor driven vehicle on any AREA except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic and except on U.S. Forest Service land in an AREA where "all terrain" vehicles (ATV's) must be used on open designated ATV trails only; or for any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on any AREA except: (1) on roads open to four-wheel motorized vehicles; (2) in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses; and (3) raccoon hunters during the legal nighttime raccoon season where authorized.

(t) For any person to hunt deer on days of scheduled gun, flintlock, or primitive weapons hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle. All persons hunting any wildlife species (except waterfowl, turkey, and mourning dove and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) on the W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta AREAS during dates and in areas open by regulation to feral hog season are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap.

(u) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(v) For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any AREA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.

(w) To hunt small game during gun deer hunts and primitive weapons hunts except on the W. L. Holland-Mobile-Tensaw Delta and West Jefferson AREAS, and except waterfowl in the Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead Lake units of the Demopolis AREA and in the Upper Delta AREA.

(x) To damage or remove any trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.

(y) To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold without written permission from the landowners. No portable stands may be used within 50 yards of the boundary line on Barbour and Covington AREAS.

(z) To cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.

(aa) To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a safety harness, rope, or strap capable of supporting their weight.

(bb) To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.



(cc) To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

(2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled youth deer or turkey hunts on any AREA.

(a) Each youth participant must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor is to remain within arms length of the youth at all times.

(b) Youth is defined as those individuals who have not reached their sixteenth birthday.

(c) Adult is defined as those individuals twenty-five years old or older who are in possession of all state hunting licenses required to hunt deer or turkey on any AREA. Proof of possession of the required hunting licenses will be required on the scheduled date.

(d) Only one firearm will be allowed per adult-youth group. Only the youth hunter will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting. The adult is to review with the youth the rules of firearm safety and to ensure they are followed.

(e) The adult-youth pair is to check in and out at the AREA checking station as a single unit.

(f) Both the adult and youth will be required to wear hunter orange while deer hunting, as required by state regulation.

(g) All other rules and regulations to hunt on an AREA are in effect.

(3) All deer harvested while hunting with a hunter's choice permit on a scheduled gun stalk deer hunt must be tagged with the issued permit immediately upon harvest (before field dressing or moving). The permit shall be affixed to an antler or a hole in the ear. The permit shall be appropriately punched as directed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

(4) It shall be unlawful on COOSA AREA for any person to carry firearms in boats with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms except when hunting waterfowl from a stationary boat.

(5) It shall be unlawful on COOSA AND AUTAUGA AREAS for any person to ride or possess horses except on roads designated for four wheel motorized vehicles and except for raccoon hunters during the legal nighttime raccoon season. Horses are not permitted in the campgrounds from October 1 to April 30.

(6) It shall be unlawful on BARBOUR (except on Youth Deer Hunt), COVINGTON, FREEDOM HILLS (except on Youth Deer Hunt), LAUDERDALE and LOWNDES AREAS for any person, hunting by any method, to harvest, attempt to harvest, or possess any antlered buck with less than 3 points, 1 inch or greater, on at least one antler. It shall also be unlawful for anyone to destroy or attempt to destroy the antlers of any deer so as to make the determination of the legal status of the deer uncertain.

(7) It shall be unlawful on SWAN CREEK, CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK AREAS:

(a) For any vehicle not authorized by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or TVA to be driven beyond and/or between the dyke gates.

(b) For any person to leave his vehicle parked at the approved launching sites. Hunters must use the designated parking areas.

(c) For any person to take, catch, kill, or attempt to take, catch, or kill mussels during the prescribed waterfowl hunting season.

(d) For any person to excavate, to hunt or attempt to hunt from any dug-out or excavated area.

(8) The following shall apply to the dewatering sloughs on Swan Creek, Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek AREAS:

(a) All boats and/or boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl on said dewatering sloughs shall be launched and removed daily or shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take fish for commercial purposes and/or to use commercial fishing gear within said dewatering units from November 1 through January 31 of each fiscal year.

(c) Temporary blinds may be used for one day only. All such blinds, except boat blinds, left in said areas for more than one day shall be disposed of as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(d) The construction or use of permanent blinds requiring building material, flooring and/or flotation materials shall not be permitted in, or within 150 yards of, the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person using duck and/or goose decoys in the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units to leave said decoys overnight.

(f) It shall be unlawful to use airboats.

(9) It shall be lawful to install permanent waterfowl hunting blinds (those using building materials and remaining in position overnight) on the Swan Creek AREA only. All such blinds to be placed in the dewatering area must be registered with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries officials in accordance with the following conditions:

(a) The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division's Blind Governing Committee shall be the final authority in resolving any dispute concerning the permanent waterfowl blinds. The Blind Governing Committee shall be made up of the following people: District I Conservation Officer Supervisor; Limestone County Conservation Officers; District I Supervising Wildlife Biologist, and Area Biologist for Swan Creek AREA. The Committee shall have the authority to remove any blind from the area if an unresolvable dispute occurs.

(b) Blinds must meet "Qualifications and Registration Procedures" established by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and deemed acceptable by inspecting official to be registered. All registered blinds will be tagged by inspecting official and tag must remain attached to the blind for the duration of the blind's stay on the WMA. Tags shall not be swapped to a different blind and any untagged blinds may be removed by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries officials. It is the hunter's responsibility to make sure the blind he hunts from is properly tagged. No person shall hunt from an untagged blind.

(c) All permanent waterfowl hunting blinds will be registered between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on October 29, 2003. Only one blind may be registered per individual and that person, if required to have a hunting license to hunt, must have a valid hunting license and WMA license to register a blind. Only fifty (50) permanent blinds will be installed at preselected sites in the dewatering area. All registered blinds drawing one of the 50 preselected sites must be installed as near as possible to the preselected site prior to gate

closing on November 3, 2003.

(d) Each selected blind must be placed within 10 feet of the blind location marker and shall not be moved until the end of the waterfowl season. This is not intended to prevent a blind owner from removing his blind from the WMA. In the event of a blind being farther than 10 feet from the marker, it is ineligible to be hunted from.

(e) No blind may be attached to the location marker in any way. If a blind is attached to a marker, the registered blind owner of record is in violation of this regulation.

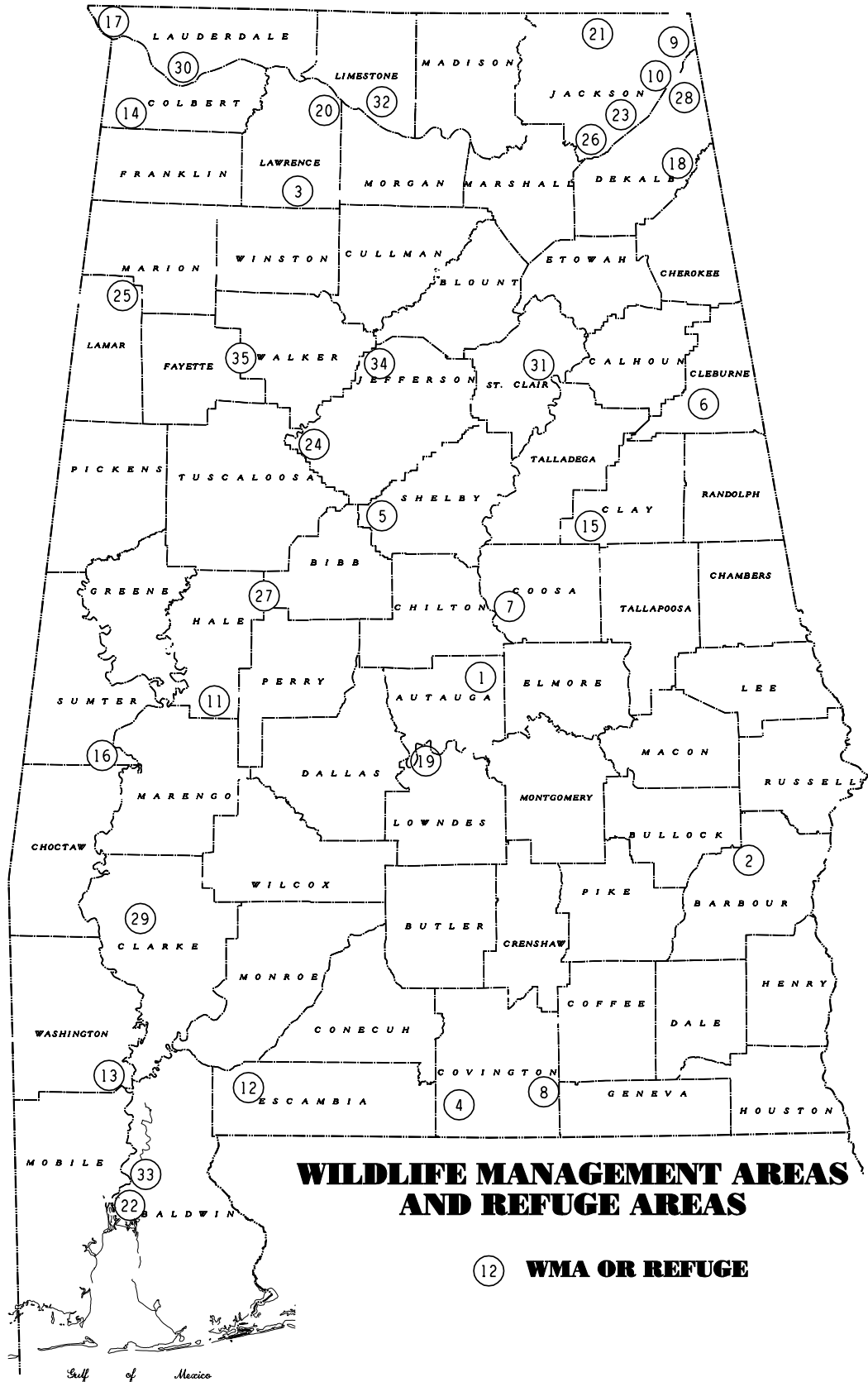
(f) Blinds that are drawn and installed must be removed from the WMA no later than February 18, 2004. Any blind not drawn and installed on one of the 50 sites must be removed from the WMA by sunset of the day following the opening day of waterfowl season. (This includes all blinds within the boundaries of the Swan Creek WMA.) Any such blinds or parts thereof remaining after such dates shall be deemed to be the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be utilized or destroyed as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

(g) All boats and boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering area shall be launched and removed daily or shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring.

(h) Dewatering area access gates will be closed on November 3, 2003 and will be opened by 10:00 AM of the day before the opening day of waterfowl season. No boats with motors are allowed in the dewatering unit during the period gates are closed except as specified on decoy days.

(10) A \$15.00 Management Area License in addition to a regular hunting license and a management area permit are required for hunting on AREAS.

# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LOCATIONS IN ALABAMA



## ALABAMA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>MANAGEMENT AREAS</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>NEAREST TOWN</u>	<u>HUNTED</u>
1	Autauga	6,400	Prattville	BG-SG
2	Barbour	18,924	Clayton	BG-SG
3	Black Warrior	97,953	Moulton	BG-SG
4	Blue Spring	23,370	Andalusia	BG-SG
5	Cahaba River	40,300	West Blocton	BG-SG
6	Choccolocco	46,490	Heflin	BG-SG
7	Coosa	37,291	Rockford	BG-SG
8	Covington	22,450	Floral	BG-SG
9	Crow Creek Refuge	2,496	Stevenson	SG
10	Crow Creek	2,161	Stevenson	WF-SG
11	Demopolis	6,952	Demopolis	WF-BG-SG
12	Escambia Creek	13,438	Atmore	BG-SG
13	Frank W. & Rob M. Boykin	18,185	Citronelle	BG-SG
14	Freedom Hills	35,124	Cherokee	BG-SG
15	Hollins	29,400	Hollins	BG-SG
16	Kinterbish	6,200	Jachin	BG-SG
17	Lauderdale	14,581	Waterloo	BG-SG
18	Little River	15,255	Centre	BG-SG
19	Lowndes	11,118	White Hall	BG-SG
20	Mallard-Fox Creek	1,483	Decatur	WF-SG
21	James D. Martin-Skyline	28,167	Scottsboro	BG-SG
22	Mobile-Tensaw Delta & W.L. Holland	60,282	Spanish Fort	WF-BG-SG
23	Mud Creek	8,193	Scottsboro	WF-SG
24	Mulberry Fork	35,360	Tutwiler	BG-SG
25	Sam R. Murphy	24,230	Guin	BG-SG
26	North Sauty Refuge	5,200	Scottsboro	SG
27	Oakmulgee	44,500	Moundville	BG-SG
28	Raccoon Creek	7,080	Stevenson	WF-SG
29	Scotch	18,017	Coffeeville	BG-SG
30	Seven-Mile Island	5,745	Florence	WF-SG
31	St. Clair	6,225	Pell City	BG-SG
32	Swan Creek	8,870	Decatur	WF-SG
33	Upper Delta	39,179	Stockton	WF-BG-SG
34	West Jefferson	42,678	Oak Grove	BG-SG
35	Wolf Creek	18,470	Townley	BG-SG

**BG – Big Game** - Deer, Turkey

**SG--Small Game** - Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, etc.

**WF--Waterfowl**

**(a) AUTAUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA**

(Autauga County)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Saturdays and Wednesdays of the State Gun Deer Season of Nov. 22 - Jan. 31, (except Dec. 3 and Dec. 31 – except spotted fawns - one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Dec. 3-4; Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13 (Daylight until 12:00 Noon CST). Must check in and out at check station.
	(Regular)	April 1 - April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 1 – Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:		Sept. 6 – Oct. 19 - Wednesdays and Saturdays only. - noon until sunset.
CROW:		Sept. 6 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(b) BARBOUR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Barbour and Bullock Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns- one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 5-6, Dec. 18, 19, 20; Jan. 2-3; Jan. 15, 16, 17; Jan. 22, 23, 24. On each hunt, a predetermined percentage of the

	(Archery)	permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns – Buck restrictions apply - one deer per day). Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – Buck restrictions apply - one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31. (Must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts.)
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – Buck restrictions apply - one deer per day): Dec. 12-13; Jan. 9-10.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL & RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Sep. 1-Feb. 29. No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting-dogs only-no weapons.
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:		State Season Saturdays and Wednesdays only (12:00 noon until sunset except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:	Jan. 15-Feb. 20 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(c) BLACK WARRIOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST  
(Lawrence and Winston Counties)**

**ZONE - A:** Note - On days of Gun Deer and/or Primitive Weapon Deer Hunts in Zone B, Zone -A will be closed to ALL Hunting, \*\*Except on Dec. 27 – Jan. 2, when a Bucks Only Gun Deer Hunt will also be open on Zone - A and on Jan. 9-10 when an either-sex primitive weapons hunt will be on Zone A.

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29*, Dec. 12-13*, Dec. 27-Jan. 2 and Jan. 23-24*. *On Nov. 29, Dec. 13 and Jan. 24, a predetermined percentage of permits will be Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (Must harvest bucks only on days of Bucks Only Gun Deer Hunts) (Hunter must obtain a hunt permit on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Jan. 9 – 10.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 27 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	April 1 – April 30 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29; (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Nov. 15 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
CROW:		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sep. 1 – 30 and Feb. 1 – 29 (Nighttime hours only).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18 – Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 15 – Jan. 31.
FERAL HOGS, BOBCAT,		Open during any other legal session using weapons and
COYOTE & FOX:		ammunition approved for those hunts (No Dogs Allowed) (Daylight Hours



Only). Only one fox per day may be harvested.

**ZONE - B:** Note - On days of Gun Deer and/or Primitive Weapon Deer Hunts in Zone-A, Zone-B will be closed to ALL Hunting, \*\*Except on Dec. 27–Jan. 2, when a bucks only gun deer hunt will also be open on Zone-B and on Jan. 9-10 when an either-sex primitive weapons hunt will be on open on Zone B.

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 5-6*, Dec. 19-20* and Dec. 27 - Jan. 2. *On Dec. 6 and Dec. 20, a predetermined percentage of permits will be Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns –one deer per day): Oct. 15- Jan. 31 (Must harvest bucks only on days of bucks only gun deer hunts) (Hunter must obtain a hunt permit on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Jan. 9- 10.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 27 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	April 1–April 30 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Nov. 15 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
CROW:		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts)
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sep. 1 – 30 and Feb. 1 – 29 (Nighttime hours only).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18 – Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 15 – Jan. 31.
FERAL HOGS, BOBCAT, COYOTE & FOX:		Open during any other legal season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts (No Dogs Allowed) (Daylight Hours Only). Only one fox per day may be harvested.

**(d) BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
CONECUH NATIONAL FOREST  
(Covington County)**

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov.

		Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 25-26; and Dec. 12-13 (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns -one deer per day): Dec. 17-20 No daily checking in; map permit required.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST). (Gobblers only).
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST). (Gobblers only).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FOX, RACCOON, & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1-Feb. 29 (Night hunting only) (except nights preceding days of and nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts; no hunting permitted on Open, Buck, Ditch and Blue Ponds).
QUAIL:		Dec. 1-Feb. 15 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Dec. 1-Feb. 15 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Jan. 15-Feb. 20.

**(e) CAHABA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Bibb & Shelby Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 12-13*; Dec. 30-31; Jan. 9-10. *On Dec. 13, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be hunter's choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled gun deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Dec. 5-6; Jan. 23-24.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13.

	(Regular)	March 15 – April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 Noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18 – Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 1 – Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:		Sept. 6 – Oct. 18 - Wednesdays and Saturdays only. - Noon until sunset.
WATERFOWL:		State Seasons (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Jan. 1 – Feb. 20.

**(f) CHOCCOLOCCO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Calhoun and Cleburne Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 29-Dec. 5; Dec. *12-*13; Dec. 27-Jan. 2; Jan. 7-10. (*On Dec. 12-13 a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be “Hunters Choice” permits (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (hunter must obtain hunt permit on the 2-day gun deer hunt.) No hunting on day of Youth hunt.

	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns-one deer per day): Dec. 15-20.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar. 20-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Nov. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Jan. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only; Fox hunting - dogs only - no weapons) (except on nights preceding days of and nights of gun deer hunts).
DOVE:		Sept. 6-Oct. 11 (Wednesdays and Saturdays only, 12:00 noon until sunset).
TRAPPING:		Jan. 1-31.

**(g) COOSA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Coosa County)

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 13*; Jan. 3-9, Jan. 23-24. *On Dec. 13, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns - one deer per day).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Dec. 19-20.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31. Must harvest antlered buck only on days of gun stalk deer hunts.
	NOTE:	All archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
TURKEY:	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct.1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT & CROW:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Daylight hours only - no hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts). Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 and Feb. 1 - Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only). (Fox hunting - dogs only – no weapons).

WATERFOWL:	No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
TRAPPING:	State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:	Sept. 6; Sept. 13 (12:00 noon until sunset).
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	Jan. 1-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
FERAL HOG:	Open during any other daylight season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts (No dogs allowed).

**(h) COVINGTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Covington & Geneva Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns; buck size restrictions apply - one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Nov. 28-29; Dec. 26-27; Jan. 2-3; Jan. 9-10; Jan. 16-17; Jan. 23-24; Jan. 30-31. On each hunt a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns-buck size restrictions apply-one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – Buck restrictions apply – one per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except youth deer hunt. Must obtain daily permit on stalk hunts. Only antlered bucks will be legal during stalk deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns; buck size restrictions apply – one deer per day): Dec. 5-6.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 Noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL & RABBIT:		Nov. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:		Oct. 18; Oct. 25; Nov. 1; and Nov. 8 (12:00 noon - sunset).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
SNIPE:		Nov. 14-Feb. 28 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WATERFOWL:		State Seasons (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(i) CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

(Jackson County)

**WATERFOWL:**Special Teal Season: Sept. 6-21. 4 a day-8 in possession. 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.Special Early Goose Season: Sept. 1-15. 5 a day-10 in possession.Duck: State Season.Coot: State Season.Goose: State Season.Youth Day: Feb. 7 & 8.**DOVE:**

Sept. 6-Oct. 19; Dec. 20-Jan. 4; 12:00 noon until sunset.

**DEER:**Archery Only Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 1-9.**SQUIRREL:**

Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**QUAIL:**

Nov. 15-Feb. 29.

**BLACKBIRD, CROW & STARLING:**

Sept. 6-Feb. 29.

**RAIL, WOODCOCK & SNIPE:**

State Season.

**RABBIT:**

Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**RACCOON & OPOSSUM:**

Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**TRAPPING:**

Nov. 15-Feb. 20.

**BOW-FISHING:**

During other scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-Aug. 31 - nongame fish only.

**(j) NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES**

(Jackson County)

**DOVE:**

Sept. 6-Oct. 19; 12:00 noon until sunset.

**DEER:**Archery Only Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 1-9 (one deer per day).**QUAIL:**

Feb. 1-Feb. 15.

**SQUIRREL:**

Oct. 1-Oct. 31.

**RABBIT:**

Oct. 15-31; Feb. 16-29.

**RACCOON & OPOSSUM:**

Oct. 1-31.

**TRAPPING:**

Nov. 15-Dec. 4.

**BOW-FISHING:**

During other scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-Aug. 31 - nongame fish only.

**(k) DEMOPOLIS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Sumter, Hale, Marengo &amp; Greene Counties)

**DEER:**

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only (except spotted fawns - one deer per day): Nov. 22; Dec. 5-6; Dec. 12-13; Dec. 26-27; Jan. 2-3; Jan. 23-24.

	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day), Nov. 28-29; Dec. 19-20; Jan. 8, 9, & 10; Jan. 30-31.
TURKEY:		March 15 - April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 – Oct. 14; Nov. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 – Oct. 14; Nov. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15- Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 1 - Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:		State season (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WATERFOWL:		State Seasons on Daubs, Spidle, and Dead Lake Units, remaining areas state season (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts). ½ hour before sunrise until 12:00 Noon on all areas.
TRAPPING:		Nov. 15 – Feb. 20.

**(I) ESCAMBIA CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Escambia County)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns-one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Nov. 28-29*; Dec. 19*-20*; Dec. 31-Jan 1*; Jan. 16-17; Jan. 23-24*; Jan. 29*, 30*,31*. On Nov. 29, Dec. 19 & 20, and Jan. 1, 24, 29, 30, & 31, a predetermined percentage of permits will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns-one per day).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Dec. 12-13; Jan. 3.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except

TURKEY:	(Youth) (Regular)	spotted fawns-one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31. (Must obtain daily permit on stalk hunts). Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST). Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FOX:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (Fox hunting - Dogs only - No weapons) (No hunting on nights of or nights preceding youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM		Sept. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (No hunting on nights of and nights preceding youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:		State Season, Thursdays and Saturdays only, noon until sunset. (except on days of gun and primitive weapons).
WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Jan. 1-Feb. 20.
SNIPE:		Nov. 14-Feb. 28 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(m) FRANK W. & ROB M. BOYKIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Washington & Mobile Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except for spotted fawns - one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Dec. 26-Jan. 1; Jan. 30*-31*. *On Jan. 30-31, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's choice permits (except spotted fawns - one deer per day). Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 5-6; Jan. 9-10*. On Jan. 10 a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's choice permits (except spotted fawns- one deer per day).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Dec. 19-20; Jan. 23-24 (one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except



FERAL HOG:		spotted fawns): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts). Open during any other daylight wildlife management area season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. NO DOGS ALLOWED. NO BAG LIMIT.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13 (daylight until 12:00 Noon CST).
	(Regular)	March 15-April 30 (daylight until 12:00 Noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:		Sept. 6-Oct. 18 (Saturday only). Washington Co. only (12:00 noon until sunset)
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1-Nov. 14 and Feb. 1-29 (Nighttime hours only).
SNIPE:		Nov. 14-Feb. 28 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

WATERFOWL:		State season (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 16-Feb. 20.
<b>(n) FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA</b> (Colbert County)		
DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - One Deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns) with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (Two deer per day, no more than one antlered buck): Nov. 22-Nov. 30; Dec. 27-Dec. 31.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only (except spotted fawns) with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (one deer per day) Jan. 24-31.
		Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns) with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (Two deer per day, no more than one antlered buck): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of youth and gun deer hunts).
TURKEY:		April 1 – April 30. (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
DOVE:		Sept. 6 – Oct. 19, & Dec. 20 – Jan. 4, Noon until sunset. Sat. and Wed. hunting only (except on days of gun deer hunts). Hunting allowed only at designated fields.
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 – Feb. 29 (except on days of youth and gun deer hunts).
RABBIT & QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sep. 1-30 and Feb. 1-29 (Nighttime hours only).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18 - Jan. 31 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 16 – Feb. 20.

FERAL HOGS:

Open during any other legal season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts (No Dogs Allowed).

**(o) HOLLINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Clay & Talladega Counties)

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Dec. 6-12; Dec. 27*; Jan. 10-16. *On Dec. 27, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns-one deer per day).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day): Dec. 17-18.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day). Oct. 15-Jan. 31. Must harvest antlered buck only on days of gun stalk deer hunts.
	NOTE:	All archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
TURKEY:	(Archery)	Nov. 24 -Jan. 1 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar.15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT & CROW:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Daylight hours only) No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. Sept. 1-Sept. 30 and Nov. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) No hunting on dates of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. No hunting on nights preceding days of and on nights of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. (Fox hunting - dogs only - no weapons).
TRAPPING:		State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:		State Season - Saturdays and Wednesdays only. (12:00 noon until sunset except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FERAL HOG:		Open during any other daylight season using weapons and ammunition approved

for those hunts (No Dogs Allowed).

**(p) JAMES D. MARTIN -SKYLINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Jackson County)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Nov. 28-Dec. 2; Dec. *19-*20; Jan. 9-13 and Jan. 23-27. (*On Dec. 19-20 a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be “Hunter's Choice” permits (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Dec. 5-8. (One deer per day).
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
DOVE:		Sept. 6-Oct. 19; Dec. 20-Jan. 4 (Wednesdays and Saturdays only). 12:00 noon until sunset. (except on days of gun deer hunts)

SQUIRREL:	Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on day of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:	Jan. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:	Feb. 1-29 (Fox hunting - dogs only - no weapons).
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	Jan. 1-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
WATERFOWL:	State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:	Nov. 16-Feb. 20.
QUAIL:	Dec. 9-31 (except on days of gun deer hunts).

**(q) KINTERBISH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Sumter County)

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 16-17; Jan. 9*-10*; Jan. 30-31*. *On Jan. 9, 10 and 31, a predetermined percentage of permits issued will be "Hunter's Choice" permits (except spotted fawns - one deer per day).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Dec. 12-13; Jan. 16-17.
	(Archery)	Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FERAL HOG:		Open during any other daylight season using approved weapons and ammunition for those hunts. NO DOGS ALLOWED.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST). All turkeys harvested must be checked in at checking station.
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT & CROW:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FOX:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (Fox hunting – Dogs only – No weapons) (No hunting on nights of and nights preceding gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (No hunting on nights of or preceding gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.)
DOVE & WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(r) LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Lauderdale County)

DEER:	(Gun)-Either Sex	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day) with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side: Dec. 5-6, Dec. 19-20, and Jan. 2-3.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (one deer per day): Jan 16-23.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day) with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side: Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (Except must harvest bucks only on days of bucks only gun deer hunts).
TURKEY:		Apr. 10-30 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sep. 1-30 and Feb. 1-29 (Nighttime Hours Only).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 15-Feb 20.

**(s) LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Cherokee & DeKalb Counties)

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 22; Nov. 28-Dec. 2; Dec. 12*-13*; Jan. 16-20. (*on Dec. 12-13 a predetermined percentage of permits issued will be either-sex permits).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (must obtain daily permit on Gun Deer and Primitive Weapons hunts.)
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day): Dec. 19-23.
TURKEY:		Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

QUAIL:	Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:	Jan. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:	Sept. 6-Oct. 19 (12:00 noon until sunset - Wednesdays and Saturdays only).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:	Jan. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only; Fox hunting - dogs only - no weapons).
TRAPPING:	Nov. 15-Feb. 20.
WATERFOWL:	State Season (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(t) LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Lowndes County)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice Nov. 15 (except spotted fawns-one deer per day).
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side. Dec. 5-6*; Dec. 13-19; Jan. 2-3*; Jan. 30-31*. * On Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Jan. 31, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns-one deer per day).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (no spotted fawns – one deer per day) Jan. 16-17.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice with buck antler restrictions: Minimum 3 points on one side (except spotted fawns-one deer per day). Oct. 15-Jan. 31. (Must obtain deer permit on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts; no hunting on day of Youth Deer Hunt).
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb.29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT & CROW:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 6-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (except on nights preceding days of and nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts). (Fox hunting - dogs only - no weapons).
DOVE:		State season-Saturdays and Wednesdays only (12:00 noon until sunset) (except on days of gun and youth deer hunts).

WATERFOWL:	State season- Saturdays and Wednesdays only; (1/2 half hour before sunrise to sunset) (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:	Nov. 16- Feb. 20 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FERAL HOG:	(Special Season) Aug. 16-Sept. 5 (South Road Area Only) Permitted Firearms & Bow and Arrow and Hunter Orange requirements; same as that for gun deer hunting on WMAs. (No dogs allowed).
FERAL HOG:	Open during any other daylight season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. (No dogs allowed).
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	Dec. 24- Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(u) MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA AND W. L. HOLLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**  
(Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting (Deer - Antlered Bucks Only – one deer per day): Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays of the State Gun Deer Season, Nov. 22-Jan. 31. (No Dogs Allowed) (Daylight Hours Only).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31.
WATERFOWL:		State Season.
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:		Sept. 6-21.
DOVE:		Oct. 18-Nov. 9, Nov. 26-30, Dec. 5-Jan. 15. On Oct. 18 shooting time is from 12:00 noon to sunset. All others are One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29.
RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29.
SNIPE:		Nov. 14-Feb. 28.
RAIL, PURPLE GALLINULE, & COMMON MOORHENS:		State Season.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1.-Feb. 29. (Nighttime hours only).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31.
TRAPPING:		Nov. 15-Feb. 20.
TURKEY:		Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 Noon CST).
FERAL HOG:		Open during any wildlife management area season using any weapon or ammunition which is legal any time of the year on said areas. No dogs allowed – (Daylight Hours Only).

**(v) MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**



(Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29*; Dec. 12-13; Dec. 26-27; Jan. 16-17. *On Nov. 29 a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Jan. 9-10 (one deer per day).
TURKEY:		March 15 - April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 1 - Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:		Sept. 6 – Oct. 18 – Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. - Noon until sunset.
CROW:		Sept. 6 – Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 20.
WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
COYOTE, BOBCAT, & FERAL HOGS:		Open during any other legal season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts (no dogs allowed).

**(w) OAKMULGEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Bibb, Hale, Perry & Tuscaloosa Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
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	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 19-20; Dec. 26-27; Jan. 2-3*; *On Jan. 3, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be hunter's choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Dec. 2-3; Jan. 16-17 (one deer per day).
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13. (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	March 15 - April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 1 - Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). No hunting on nights of and nights preceding days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:		Sept. 6 – Oct. 18 - Wednesdays and Saturdays only. - Noon until sunset.
TRAPPING:		Jan. 1 - Feb. 20.
WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts). No open goose season.
FERAL HOGS, COYOTE		Open during any other legal season using weapons
& BOBCAT:		and ammunition approved for those hunts (no dogs allowed).
WOODCOCK:		Dec. 18 – Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).

**(x) SAM R. MURPHY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Lamar and Marion Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns-one deer per day) Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 12-13*; and Dec. 26-Dec. 27*, Jan.

		9-10* Jan. 23- 24*. *On Dec. 13, Dec. 27, Jan. 10 and Jan. 24 a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns – one deer per day).
	(Gun - either sex)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day) Nov. 22-29.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day). Oct. 15-Jan. 31, (Except must harvest bucks only on days of Bucks Only Gun Deer Hunts). (Hunter must obtain a hunt permit on days of gun deer hunts). No hunting on days of youth deer hunt.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 13 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	March 15 – April 30; Daylight until 12:00 noon CST.
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of youth and gun deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of youth and gun deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1 - Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of scheduled youth and gun deer hunts).
DOVE:		Sept. 6-Oct. 19; Dec. 20-Jan. 4 - Wednesdays & Saturdays only - noon until sunset (except on days of gun deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Jan. 1 – Feb 20.
WATERFOWL:		State Season (except on days of gun deer hunts).

**(y) SCOTCH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Clarke County)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Dec. 5- 6*; Jan. 9-10*; Jan. 23-24*. *On Dec. 6, Jan. 10, and Jan. 24 a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice permits (except spotted fawns - one deer per day). Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28-29; Dec. 26-27.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Dec. 19-20. (one deer per day).

	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15. - Jan. 31 (except on days of gun, primitive weapons, and youth deer hunts).
FERAL HOG:		Open during any other daylight season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. NO DOGS ALLOWED.
TURKEY:	(Archery)	Nov. 23-Jan. 1 (except on dates of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	(Youth)	Mar. 13 (daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
	(Regular)	Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
FOX:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (Fox hunting - Dogs only - No weapons) (No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
DOVE:		State season (Saturday only.) (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:		Dec. 28-Feb. 20.

**(z) SEVEN-MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Lauderdale County)

**(1) ALL AREAS OF SEVEN-MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA EXCEPT KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

WATERFOWL (except Goose, Pintail & Canvasback):	Nov. 27 – Jan. 25.
PINTAIL & CANVASBACK:	Dec. 27 – Jan. 25.
GOOSE:	Sept. 27-30 and Nov. 27 – Jan. 31.
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:	Sept. 6-21.
SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE:	Sept. 1-15.
YOUTH WATERFOWL:	Feb. 7 & 8.
DEER: (Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Dec. 27 – Jan. 31.
DOVE:	Sept. 6 – Oct. 19, & Dec. 20 – Jan. 4, Noon until sunset.
SQUIRREL:	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29.
SNIPES:	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 - Feb. 29.
RABBIT:	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29.
BLACKBIRD, CROW, & STARLING:	Sept. 6 - Feb. 29.
QUAIL:	Nov. 15- Feb. 29.
WOODCOCK:	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31.
RAIL:	Sept. 6 – 21 and Nov. 28 – Jan. 20.
TRAPPING:	Nov. 15 - Feb. 20.
BOW-FISHING:	During other scheduled hunts and March 1 - Aug. 31 - Nongame fish only.
BEAVER:	Open during any other legal season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts.

**(2) KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

**HUNTING ALLOWED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIES AND ONLY ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SEASONS:**

DOVE:	Sept. 6 - Oct. 19 – Noon until sunset and Dec. 20 – Jan. 4 – Noon until sunset.
SQUIRREL:	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – Feb. 29.
RABBIT:	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29.
QUAIL:	Nov. 15 – Feb. 29.

**(aa) ST. CLAIR COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA**  
(St. Clair County)

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Saturdays and Wednesdays only during the State gun deer season of Nov. 22-Jan. 31.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 15-Jan. 31.
TURKEY:		Mar. 15-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 15-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only; Fox hunting - dogs only - no weapons).
TRAPPING:		Jan. 1-Feb. 20.

**(bb) SWAN & MALLARD-FOX CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Limestone, Morgan, and Lawrence Counties)

WATERFOWL (except Goose, Pintail & Canvasback):	Nov. 27 – Jan. 25.
PINTAIL & CANVASBACK:	Dec. 27 – Jan. 25.
GOOSE: Canada geese	Dec. 13 – Jan. 31.
Other	geese Sept. 27-30 and Nov.

SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:	27 – Jan. 31.
SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE:	Sept. 6-21.
YOUTH WATERFOWL:	Sept. 6-15.
DOVE:	Feb. 7 & 8.
	Sept. 6 – Oct. 19, & Dec. 20 – Jan. 4,
	Noon until sunset.
SQUIRREL:	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29.
SNIFE:	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28.
RABBIT:	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29.
RACCOON,OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 - Feb. 29.
BLACKBIRD, CROW, & STARLING:	Sept. 6 - Feb. 29. (Closed during regular
	waterfowl season).
QUAIL:	Nov. 15 - Feb. 29.
WOODCOCK:	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31.
RAIL:	Sept. 6– Sept. 21 and Nov. 28 – Jan. 20.
TRAPPING:	Nov. 15 - Feb. 20.
BOW-FISHING:	March 1 - Aug. 31 - Nongame fish only.
BEAVER:	Open during any other legal season using
	weapons and ammunition approved for
	those hunts.

**(cc) UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**  
(Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

**ZONE A:**

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except
	(Gun)	spotted fawns-one deer per day): Nov. 15.
		Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov.
		22; Dec. 12-13; Jan. 9-10.
		Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except
		spotted fawns – one deer per day): Jan. 23-
		24.
		Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec.
		19-20; Jan. 13-14.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except
		spotted fawns): Dec. 5-6.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except
		spotted fawns): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except on
		days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons
		deer hunts).
WATERFOWL:		State Season.
DOVE:		Saturdays of State Season (except on days
		of gun and primitive weapon deer hunts).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth,
		gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of youth,
		gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
SNIFE:		Nov. 14-Feb. 28 (except on days of youth,
		gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (No
		hunting on nights preceding days of and

WOODCOCK:	nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
	Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts).
TRAPPING:	Nov. 16-Feb. 20.
TURKEY:	March 15-April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
FERAL HOG:	Open during any other wildlife management area season, using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. (NO DOGS ALLOWED- DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY.)

**ZONE B:**

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22; Dec. 22-27; Jan. 16-17; Jan. 30-31. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Jan. 23-24. Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 24-29; Jan. 2-3; Jan. 13-14.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day): Dec. 5-6.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts). State Season. Sept. 6-21.
WATERFOWL:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:		Oct. 1-Feb. 29 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
SQUIRREL:		Nov. 14-Feb. 28 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Sept. 1-Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only) (No hunting on nights preceding days and nights of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
SNIPE:		Dec. 18-Jan. 31 (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Nov. 15-Feb. 20. March 15-April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 Noon CST).
WOODCOCK:		Open during any other wildlife management area season, using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. (NO DOGS ALLOWED – DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY).
TRAPPING:		
TURKEY:		
FERAL HOG:		

**(dd) WEST JEFFERSON PUBLIC HUNTING AREA**

(Jefferson & Tuscaloosa Counties)

**Zone A:**

DEER:	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays of the state gun deer season of Nov. 22 – Jan. 31 (No dogs allowed).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31. No dogs allowed.

**Zone B:**

DEER:	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only. Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays of the state gun deer season of Nov. 22 – Jan. 31 (No dogs allowed).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31. No dogs allowed.

**Zones A & B:**

TURKEY:	March 15 - April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon CST).
SQUIRREL:	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
RABBIT:	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
QUAIL:	Nov. 15 - Feb. 29
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:	Sept. 1- Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). Fox hunting – dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:	Sept. 6 – Oct. 18 – Mondays, Wednesdays, & Saturdays only – noon until sunset.
WOODCOCK:	Dec. 18 – Jan. 31
SNIPE:	Nov. 14 – Feb. 28

**(ee) WOLF CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Walker & Fayette Counties)

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Nov. 15.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22*; Dec. 5-6*; Dec. 19-20*; Jan. 2-3*; Jan. 23-24*; Jan. 25-31. *On Nov. 22, Dec. 6, 20, Jan. 3, and 24, a predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns - one deer per day).
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled youth and gun deer hunts).



TURKEY:	(Youth) (Regular)	March 13. Daylight until 12:00 noon. March 15 - April 30 (Daylight until 12:00 noon).
SQUIRREL:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth and gun deer hunts).
RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled youth and gun deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 (except on days of scheduled gun deer hunts).
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:		Sept. 1 - Feb. 29 (Nighttime Only). No hunting on nights preceding days of and nights of scheduled youth and gun deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only- no weapons.
DOVE:		Sept. 6 – Oct. 18 - Wednesdays and Saturdays only. - Noon until sunset.
TRAPPING:		Nov. 16 - Feb. 20.

## **220-2-.122 Georgia Reciprocal Fishing Agreement Regulation**

(1) This regulation shall apply to those waters referred to in this regulation which are covered by the reciprocal agreement with the State of Georgia and which are within the jurisdiction of the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

(2) The State of Alabama and the State of Georgia have a reciprocal agreement concerning fishing in certain reciprocal waters, whereby fishing licenses of Georgia and Alabama are mutually recognized for fishing from the banks or on the waters of the Chattahoochee River forming the boundary between Alabama and Georgia and all impoundments thereon as now exists or which may exist in the future, with the exception of that portion of West Point Reservoir lying upstream (north) of Georgia Highway 109 bridge on the Chattahoochee River arm of said reservoir. The waters covered by this agreement do not include other streams or tributaries which flow into the Chattahoochee River or its impoundments.

(3) For the purpose of this agreement, "sport fishing" shall be defined as the lawful taking by ordinary hook and line, pole, casting reel and rod and use of artificial lures, spinning reel and rod, or fly rod.

(4) The term "commercial fishing" shall be defined as the legal taking of non-game fish by any person from either state.

(5) No person shall take, catch, or have in possession on any one day, more than fifty (50) in the aggregate of all of the following species or more than one day's creel limit for any species.

The daily creel limit shall be as follows:

<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u>Daily Creel Limit</u></b>
<b>BLACK BASS</b> .....	10
(Includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky or Spotted, Redeye or Coosa, and Shoal)	
<b>WHITE BASS, SALTWATER STRIPED BASS AND SALTWATER STRIPED-WHITE BASS HYBRIDS, IN THE AGGREGATE</b> .....	15
(Only 2 of which may be 22 inches or longer in length)	
<b>CRAPPIE</b> .....	30
<b>BREAM</b> .....	50
(Includes Bluegill, Redbreast, Warmouth, Shadow Bass and all other species of bream)	
<b>PICKEREL</b> .....	15

(6) Nets shall not be used to take fish from any of the waters covered by this agreement provided, however, minnow seines, dip nets and cast nets meeting the requirements of the respective states for catching minnows for use as live bait are hereby permitted, and provided further that baskets and snaglines may be used for catching and taking non-game fish, upon securing from the proper authority or authorities of the state upon whose side of the boundary line between the states such basket or snagline is used, any license required for the use of such basket or snagline, and upon compliance with any other laws or rules of the state governing the use of such baskets or snagline.

(7) Fish may not be caught or taken by any hook or combination of hooks pulled through the water (snatching); provided however, said hooks may be so used with bait and/or lures to entice fish to strike or bite such bait or lure.

(8) Snaglines, trotlines and wire baskets may be used for catching and taking fish in any of the waters covered by this agreement according to the laws, rules and regulations of the state in which the fishing takes place.

#### **RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT - MISSISSIPPI**

Reciprocal Agreement Pertaining to Sport Fishing on the Tennessee River. Reciprocal agreements are in effect whereby sports fishing licenses of Mississippi and Alabama are mutually recognized for fishing either the water or from the banks of said water of the following part of the Tennessee River or embayment or impoundments.

All that part of the Tennessee River and its embayment and impoundments between the junction of the Tennessee-Alabama-Mississippi line and a north-south line projected across the Tennessee River from the eastern end of the old Riverton Lock, except and exclusive of that part of the Big Bear Embayment lying south of the Southern Railroad bridge.

All that part of the Tombigbee River, its embayments, impoundments and navigation channel, from river mile 322 to the Aliceville Lock and Dam.

Creel limits pertaining to sport fishing of Alabama shall apply to Mississippi licenses when fishing in the State of Alabama and the creel limits pertaining to sport fishing in the State of Mississippi shall apply to Alabama licenses when fishing in the State of Mississippi.

#### **RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT - TENNESSEE**

Reciprocal Agreement Pertaining to Tennessee River-Pickwick Lake. A reciprocal agreement is in effect between the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to recognize the sport fishing licenses of the two states within the impounded waters of the Tennessee River-Pickwick Lake lying within Hardin County, Tennessee, and Lauderdale County, Alabama, from Pickwick Dam (approximately TRM 207.8) upstream to where the common boundary line of Colbert County, Alabama, and Tishomengo County, Mississippi, meet the Lauderdale County, Alabama, boundary line at approximately TRM 224.8. It is agreed that:

Sport fisherman duly licensed or legally exempt from license requirements by the State of Tennessee may, without further license, fish with ordinary hook and line, pole, casting, spinning, and fly rods and reels, and use artificial lures and natural bait in the area of Pickwick Lake described above.

Likewise, sport fishermen duly licensed or legally exempt from license requirements by the State of Alabama may, without further license, fish with ordinary hook and line, pole, casting, spinning, and fly rods and reels, and use artificial lures and natural bait in the area of Pickwick Lake described above.

Except for licenses and fishing methods covered in this agreement, all creel limits, size limits, and other laws, rules and regulations enacted by the State having jurisdiction must be adhered to while fishing in that state's waters.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION LICENSE FEES

**HUNTING LICENSES:** Required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age and nonresidents 16 years of age and older. (State and Federal Duck Stamp required when hunting migratory waterfowl.)

<u>Resident</u>		<u>Nonresident</u>	
<b>State</b>	\$ 16.00	<b>Annual All Game</b>	\$252.00
<b>County</b>	\$ 8.50	<b>Annual Small Game</b>	\$ 77.00
<b>Combination Hunting &amp; Freshwater Fishing</b>	\$ 24.50	<b>10-Day Trip All Game</b>	\$127.00
<b>Sportsman's License</b>	\$ 59.50*	<b>10-Day Trip Small Game</b>	\$ 47.00
<b>Issuance Fee Included</b>		<b>3-Day Trip All Game</b>	\$ 77.00
		<b>3-Day Trip Small Game</b>	\$ 32.00
		<b>Issuance Fee Included</b>	

### **\*\*LIFETIME:**

<b>Hunting</b>	\$300.00	<i>(An all game license is required for nonresidents to hunt deer and turkey.)</i>
<b>Hunting and Freshwater Fishing</b>	\$450.00	
<b>64 Lifetime License:</b>	***	

\* The Sportsman's License covers state hunting, fresh and saltwater fishing, Wildlife Management Area fees, the state waterfowl stamp and the issuance fee.

\*\*Issued only by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street Ste 457, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, and by probate judges and license commissioners. Also available by calling: 1-888-848-6887.

\*\*\*The Resident 64 Lifetime License is available to Alabama residents 64 years old for the price of an annual resident hunting or fishing license.

In lieu of a regular hunting license, either a resident or a nonresident may purchase for \$10.00, a 7-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. **(Issuance Fee Included)**

Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying hunting licenses provided a resident has on his person while hunting a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.

A \$16.00 Management Area License in addition to the appropriate hunting license and Management Area Permit (free) are required for hunting. Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license or the Management Area License. **(Issuance Fee Included.)**

<b><u>FUR CATCHERS LICENSE:</u></b>		<b>Resident</b>	\$ 8.40
		<b>Nonresident</b>	\$500.90
		<b>Issuance Fee Included</b>	

**General Information**  
**License Fees (continued)**

**FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE:**

<b>Resident Catcher</b>	<b>\$251.00</b>
<b>Nonresident Catcher</b>	<b>\$751.00</b>
<b>Resident Dealer or Buyer</b>	<b>\$101.00</b>
<b>Nonresident Dealer or Buyer</b>	<b>\$301.00</b>
<b>Issuance Fee Included</b>	

**SPORT FISHING LICENSES:**

<b>Resident Annual Freshwater</b>	<b>\$ 9.50</b>
<b>Combination Hunting and Freshwater</b>	<b>\$ 24.50</b>
<b>Resident 7-Day Trip Freshwater</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>*Resident Lifetime Freshwater</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>*Resident Lifetime Hunting and Freshwater</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
<b>Resident Annual Saltwater</b>	<b>\$ 16.00</b>
<b>Resident 7-Day Trip Saltwater</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Resident Annual Combination Saltwater and Freshwater</b>	<b>\$ 24.50</b>
<b>*Resident Lifetime Saltwater</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>*Resident Lifetime Hunting and Saltwater</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
<b>*Combination Lifetime Hunting, Freshwater and Saltwater</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>64 Lifetime License (See information under "Hunting Licenses")</b>	
<b>Resident Annual Saltwater Pier Issuance Fee Included</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>

(Required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age who fish with rod and reel or artificial bait. This license is also required to fish with hook and line outside county of legal residence.)

\*Issued only by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street Ste. 457, Montgomery Alabama 36130, and by probate judges and license commissioners. Also available by calling: 1-888-848-6887.

**NOTE:** Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying fishing license providing that said resident has on his person while fishing a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.

<b>**Nonresident Annual Freshwater</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>
<b>**Nonresident Annual Saltwater</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>
<b>**Nonresident Annual Combination Freshwater and Saltwater</b>	<b>\$ 61.00</b>

**General Information**  
**License Fees (continued)**

**SPORT FISHING LICENSES: (continued)**

**\*\*\*Nonresident 7-Day Trip Freshwater**      \$ 11.00

**\*\*\*Nonresident 7-Day Trip Saltwater**      \$ 11.00

**Issuance Fee Included**

*\*\*Required for fishing in any public water regardless of tackle used*

*\*\*\*Good for seven [7] consecutive days. Required for fishing in any public water regardless of tackle used.*

**NOTE TO NONRESIDENTS:** Special fishing license fees may apply to residents of Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee due to reciprocal license costs.

Game fish cannot be caught by any method other than ordinary hook and line, fly, troll, spinner. The sale of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.

**FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE:**

**Resident Annual**      \$ 100.00

**Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer**      \$ 10.85

**Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer**      \$ 25.85

**Issuance Fee Included**

*Nonresident Commercial Fishing (same as nonresident license in applicant's resident state.)*

**SPEAR FISHING LICENSE:**

**Resident Annual**      \$ 6.00

**Nonresident Annual**      \$ 8.50

**Nonresident 7-Day Trip**      \$ 3.50

**Issuance Fee Included**

Spear fishing license issued by:

Department of Conservation  
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
64 North Union Street, Ste. 567  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
(334) 242-3465

Marine Resources Division  
PO Box 189  
Dauphin Island, AL 36528  
(251) 861-2882

Marine Resources Division  
PO Box 458  
Gulf Shores, AL 36547  
(251) 968-7576